



***Eliminating racial disparities in education
so children can reach their full potential***

Friday, March 6
State Office Building Room 5, 8am – 3:30 pm

Morning Agenda – Defining the Problem

- 8 – 8:15** Introduction
- 8:15 – 9** A changing and diversifying population – Dr. Susan Brower, State Demographer
- 9 – 9:15** Student testimony on the opportunity gap
- 9:15 – 9:45** Greater MN experiences of the opportunity gap – Kathleen Annette, Executive Director, Blandin Foundation
- 9:45 – 10:15** Measuring the achievement gap and studying social and emotional learning – Dr. Michael Rodriguez, University of Minnesota
- 10:15 – 10:45** Discipline & suspensions discussion – Dr. Bernadeia Johnson, Mankato State University
- 10:45 – 11:15** Student & parental perspectives on barriers to success in public schools
- 11:15 – 11:45** Overview of approaches in other states – Daniel Thatcher, J.D., National Conference of State Legislators
- 11:45 – 12** How litigation impacts the policy landscape – MN Attorney General’s Office

12 – 1 pm Break for Lunch

Afternoon Agenda – Ideas on the Table

- 1 – 1:30** Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Justice Page & President Kashkari
- 1:30 – 2** Early childhood and the opportunity gap – Dr. Geoff Nagle, Erikson Institute
- 2 – 2:30** Panel of Superintendents
- 2:30 – 3** Student, family, and community relationship strategies – Jose Munoz, Coalition for Community Schools, Jessica Davis, Teacher of the Year, Teachers of Color, Equity Coaches
- 3 – 3:30** Cost of closing the opportunity and achievement gaps, a case study – Superintendent Osorio, North Saint Paul/Maplewood