

What Will It Take to Get to Excellence, Equity and Access?

INTERNAL/INDIVIDUAL

- Build strong communication skills especially listening
- > See as process -- small/short and longer term goals.
- > Openness to other people's truths, and to tell our truths about issues
- Acceptance of other people's realities, perspectives, and stories. No criticism but seeking to understand.
- Forgiveness of our selves, and of others, letting go of the negativity to move towards real change
- Courage to do what really needs to be done, regardless of whether it is partially correct or not.
- A belief in the possible ---no matter what the impact is to the people, and/or the system, that might be impacted
- Openness
- Forgiveness of ourselves and others

- Dedicated people with a sense of clarity about the needs of students, and community now and in the future
- Courage to do what needs to be done-, regardless of political correctness or implications.
- > Belief in the possibility
- Look at best practices
- > Trust and respect must come first

INTERPERSONAL

- > Celebrate/noticing where the work is having an impact, build momentum
- Keep working to build a shared vision, and shared process
- ➤ Make room for all voices → empowerment
- > Same/equal expectations of all students
- > Shift our mentality from a place of scarcity to a place of knowing there can be enough for all of us.
- Every conversations introduce selves so every participant feels safe ways to share
- Make sure teachers and feel part of the process,
- > Support staff--all have insights, and knowledge to share
- > Time being willing to create the time, and space for mindful discussions
- Clarity about the needs of our students, and our communities, for now and in the future.
- Consensus
- > People can articulate concerns and fears in safe environments
- > Strengthen proactive communication

INSTITUTIONAL

- Public schools look more like private schools, small classes, whole child art.
- Changed content also reflected diversity.
- > Structures in place for engaged learning, community to guide education.
- > We need a shared vision of where we really are now on issues of quality, and education. We need to commit to educating all children.
- Create more programs to bring parents into the school system in culturally sensitive ways.
- > A sustainable way to include working parents in identifying problems and solutions
- Make changes gradually
- Manage process of change
- > Within organizing efforts keep people informed
- Money to support change, and to bring our powerful dreams to reality
- > Commitment to make change,

- Time-- being willing to create time, and space
- Money
- Commitment and power to make change
- Pay higher taxes
- Corporation's contributions
- ➤ Willing to experiment with different models
- > You have to make it ok to fail
- Change how decisions are made—more input from parents and communities, students and families
- Appropriate and adequate resources equitable distributed across the system
- > Collective commitment to quality education for all kids—across city and suburbs, state and society
- Insinuation of market forces into schools must be reversed. TV's in schools, Edison Project. Ultimate goal is to privatize the public school system.
- > Structural innovation that acknowledges the importance of relationship between the teacher and student and student's family
- Publicity
- ➤ Monthly short email reminders work
- Report successes

CULTURAL

- > The political will of white people. The lack of apathy on the part of too many families of color. They need to organize.
- > Safe place for all stakeholders to share ideas, and concerns leading to teaching students based on their realities
- > Education of cultural history of African American
- ➤ Dedicated people from all walks and levels of life. This is tied to commitment
- > Being culturally informed and aware, realizing that culture shapes peoples perspective on life and community
- Acceptance about the reality of history (that events took place)
- Common meeting space for gathering of like-minded people
- Being culturally informed and grounded.
- > Committed and engaged urban educators and administrators (not careerists and opportunists)
- Educators would be from and drown on traditions of diverse peoples