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Update by Mwalim Peters Re: Curating Your Child's Education

CURATING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION: 170 Years of Best Practices

SUMMARY:

This is a 45 - 60-minute presentation and discussion/Q&A, primarily for parents of public school students of color, offering insight and suggestions on how to help your child successfully navigate the k - 12 public school landscape both academically and socially.

PRESENTATION FORMAT/AGENDA:

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The evidence of racial bias and inequity in American public education is long and storied, from the extreme bias of openly, racial segregated schools, to the on-going inequality of resources available to schools and school districts based on race and economic status, to the serves and education and incidents of micro-aggressions often experienced by Black and Brown students enrolled in 'integrated' schools. Some of the top scholars of color in the country can recount the resistances experienced while pursuing their education.

- A brief discussion about the history and purpose of public education.
- A brief history of public education provided for people of color in the United States.
- A look at forced integration, perceived policy changes, and unconscious biases by school staff and administration.
- A look at the Black and Brown male experience in public education, criminalization, and the 'classroom to prison pipeline'.

STRATEGIES:

- Establish your presence in your child's education. (Reaching out, volunteering, inquiring, etc.)
- The kitchen table as classroom
- The library and local cultural centers are your friend!
- Parents and Parents and Parents
- Community, Community and Community
- Undoing the stigma of the IEP and how to make the IEP work for your child.
- The cooperative home-schooling approach.

RESOURCES:

A discussion about traditional and nontraditional resources as well as a list of organizations and websites to find more information.

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