

BRASS

Duluth Education Equity Gathering

MISSION:

- BRASS aims to engage our communities in collaborative efforts to spur greater prosperity in our region through racial equity.

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- BRASS partnered with the Organizing Apprenticeship Project to organize the Duluth Education Equity Gathering hosted by Lake Superior College's Intercultural Center on Friday, August 19th from 5-8:30pm. We will present the Education Equity Policy Brief titled, *16 Solutions that Deliver Equity and Excellence in Education*, and seek commitment to working on them from our educational leaders.
- Not only are we presenting the 16 solutions to our educational leaders, we are also gathering together our community leaders and members, inviting them to collaborate and commit to working on the 16 solutions with us and our partners. We will have 8 Break-Out Sessions that focus on education equity issues in the Duluth area and what our communities can do to help close our racial equity gaps so we can prosper together.
- We will start working on another community engagement event at the gathering by inviting people to come early, at 4:30pm, and get their picture taken as part of BRASS's Portrait Project: Stereotypical Roots. This photography collaboration will explore the automatic, subconscious stereotyping that happens to everyone and that everyone does; the photos will be in an art exhibit.

Background:

- The 16 solutions were released on June 12th, 2011; co-authors, Jermaine Toney and Hillary Rodgers, presented them to MN Commissioner of Education, Dr. Brenda Cassellius, in St. Paul. Dr. Cassellius, and her team, committed to working on the 16 solutions at the state level. One of the briefing highlights is: educational achievement gaps will not fully close until all racial equity gaps are fully closed. A link to the brief can be found at: <http://www.oaproject.org/news/2011/06/13>.

How can people get involved?

- Ways to Become a Partner: 1.Identity/Support, 2.Financial or In-Kind Donations, 3.Coming to/Inviting people to the Gathering
- Ways to Volunteer: 1.Logistics, 2.Childcare, 3.Cultural Performance, 4.Display Art

to partner, volunteer, register, and learn more about this gathering,
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