

# **Journey for Justice**

## **"A National Grassroots Education Movement"**

**"Our Children Are Not Collateral Damage"**

**Community Hearing on the Impact of School Closings, Turnarounds, Phase-Outs & Co-Locations**

**2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**U.S. Department of Education Auditorium**

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

- A. Tim Tuten, U.S. Dept. of Education, Director, Special Projects, Partnerships & Events
  - U.S. Dept. of Education Assistant Secretary Matty Rich
  - Community Emcees, O'Cynthia Williams and Diamond McCullough
- B. Introduction of U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary Arne Duncan
  - U.S. Dept. of Education Assistant Secretary Matty Rich

#### **II. Welcome Address**

U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan

#### **III. Video Presentation: Why We Are Here**

Jitu Brown and Zakiyah Ansari

#### **IV. Support Statements**

#### **V. Case Studies: Issue, Impact Analysis, Conclusion**

- A. Case Number 1: Chicago
  - 1. Aquila Griffin, student testimony
  - 2. Dr. Rico Gutstein, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
  - 3. Rev. Krista Alston, KOCO testimony
  - 4. Michelle Young, Action Now testimony
- B. Case Number 2: New Orleans
  - 1. Karran Harper-Royal, parent testimony
  - 2. Adrienne Dixon, Univ. of Illinois
  - 3. Terrell Major, student testimony
- C. Case Number 3: Philadelphia
  - 1. Ted Stones, community member
  - 2. Kia Hinton, parent testimony
  - 3. Dawn Hawkins, testimony
- D. Case Number 4: Oakland, CA
  - 1. Mike Henderson, community member
  - 2. Joel Velasquez, parent testimony
- E. Case Number 5: Detroit
  - 1. Helen Moore, community member
  - 2. Daesha Ashmore, student testimony
  - 3. Cheyenne Walker, student testimony

#### **VII. Testimony on the Impact of Closings**

- A. Newark: Tyree Thomas, student
- B. Washington, D.C.: Julianne M. Robinson King
- C. Baltimore: Tre Murphy
- D. Boston: Carlos Rios
- E. Eupora, MS: Kayla Oats
- F. Atlanta: Niqua Douglas

#### **VIII. Actions Sought**

- A. Sustainable School Transformation: Natasha Capers, New York
- B. Action on Civil Rights Complaints: Student, New York
- C. Moratorium Now!: Saeda Washington, Philadelphia

#### **IX. D.O.E. and D.P.C. Response**

#### **X. Closing Statements**

- A. U.S. Dept of Education Assistant Secretary Rich
- B. O'Cynthia Williams

C. Diamond McCullough