

# COMMUNITY FORUM



Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC) September 15, 2015

## You're invited!

Join the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee on **September 15** at **Washington State University Spokane** to engage with others about closing the opportunity gap for our Washington State students. All are welcome.

**3:00—3:15**

Introductions and overview of EOGOAC

**3:15—4:00**

Guided Small Group Discussions

**4:00—4:30**

Report Out: Share key points

**4:30—5:00**

Summary and Large Group Discussion

*"The first step to closing that gap is to believe, as I do, that high expectations are for all students. I believe intelligence is equally distributed throughout the world, but opportunity is not. And the same is true within our own country."*  
-Bill Clinton

## We'd like to know!

- ◆ What are some of the existing or emerging issues in education?
- ◆ What are some ideas or recommendations for strengthening our education system?
- ◆ What's working? What's happening in the community that you're excited about?
- ◆ For school and district staff or CBOs, what would you be willing to do to help close the opportunity gap?



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3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Washington State University  
Spokane

Room number to follow  
412 E Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99202

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# About the EOGOAC

The committee was created during the 2009 legislature and is charged by RCW 28A.300.136 to synthesize the findings and recommendations from the five 2008 Achievement Gap Studies into an implementation plan and recommend policies and strategies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Professional Educator Standards Board and the State Board of Education.

## EOGOAC's 2015 Policy Goals

- Reduce the length of time students of color are excluded from school due to suspensions and expulsions
- Enhance the cultural competence of current and future educators and staff
- Endorse all educators in English language learner/second language acquisition
- Increase accountability for instructional services provided to English language learner students
- Analyze the opportunity gap through deeper disaggregation of student demographic data
- Invest in the recruitment, hiring, and retention of educators of color
- Incorporate integrated student services and family engagement
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## Members

NAME (alternate)	REPRESENTING
Sally Brownfield	Tribal Nations-Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Fiasili Savusa (Mele Aho)	Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Representative Lillian Ortiz-Self	House of Representatives
Frieda Takamura (Ben Kodama)	Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Wanda Billingsly (James Smith)	Commission on African American Affairs
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Raquel Ferrell Crowley (Uriel Iniquez)	Commission on Hispanic Affairs
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Representative Kevin Parker	House of Representatives
Senator John McCoy	Senate
Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos	House of Representatives
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Looking forward to seeing you there!