Education - K–12

The Facts:
What We Know

- Children who had low scores in the fall of their kindergarten year continue to lag behind their peers through 8th grade.

- In 2016, 82% of the elementary and secondary educator workforce was white in public schools. It is expected that students of color will be the majority of students (54%) by 2024.

- Non-white public school districts get $23 billion less than white districts despite serving the same number of students.

- American Indian/Alaskan Native students had the highest high school dropout rates [9.5%]; Hispanic [8%], Black [6.4%], white [4.2%] in 2017.

- Nationally, the 2017-2018 high school graduation rate was 89% for white students; 81% for Hispanic students; 79% for Black students and 74% for American Indian students.

Rebound:
Interim Support

- **School-based support:** To remove barriers for trauma-impacted students marginalized by poverty and race-based educational inequalities.
  Organization: COR Inc.

- **Expansion of community ambassadors organizers and student leadership development:** Founded and led by African American and Latinx community members to work with the Allentown [Penn.] School District and local principals.
  Organization: Cohesion Network

- **Support STEM-based college preparatory programs and alumni platforms:** For low-income high school students of color.
  Organization: SMASH

Reimagine & Restructure:
Systems Change and Root Cause Remediation

- **Transformative leadership development**: To connect diverse organizers who will work to sustain resistance, advance racial equity, and shift culture.
  Organization: Be Present, Inc.

- **Training of marginalized youth to become civic leaders**: To equip them with the skills to hold their schools and communities accountable for providing equitable opportunities across DC Public Schools.
  Organization: Critical Exposure

- **Teacher-led community platform**: For discussion of emerging K-12 equity issues and policy prioritization for future union, district, and state decision-making.
  Organization: Educators for Excellence