

EQUITY

An Educational Imperative



Looking Through the Equity Lens

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Educational equity means that every student has access to the educational resources and rigor they need at the right moment in their education, and students' needs are not going unmet due to race, ethnicity, dominant language, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion, family background, and/or family income.

— Illinois Association of School Boards, adapted in 2018 from the Council of Chief State School Officers and Kedda Williams/Opportunity Institute

The VISION of the Illinois Association of School Boards is EXCELLENCE in local school board governance supporting QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Myth: Engaging in diversity and equity will come at the expense of non-marginalized or other privileged students.

Fact: Boards who have engaged in equity have found that scores rose across the board, for all students, regardless of status.



An equitable school environment is one in which each student can learn and develop to the best of their abilities.

BOARD MEMBERS WHO ATTEND WILL

- ✓ Gain a better understanding of the board's role in creating an equitable school environment
- ✓ Learn a systemic approach to achieving educational equity
- ✓ Gain confidence and skills to address racial and ethnic differences through an equity lens

For more information, please contact your Field Services Director today!

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The Equity:

An Educational Imperative in-district workshop aims to clarify

- ✓ **WHY** educational equity is needed
- ✓ **WHAT** educational equity is needed
- ✓ **HOW** to make it a reality in your district

In this interactive workshop, you will receive greater confidence and skill practice in valuing and working across racial and cultural differences and will have mutual support to identify unconscious, exclusive behaviors which we all exhibit at times. You will focus on how to contribute to the school district's mission and strategic focus on student preparedness and excellence for all students. You'll deepen your understanding of the important and central role boards play in creating an equitable school environment that leads to greater student success.

