Racial Integration in Schools: What Has Changed and What Can We Change?

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Background-why I volunteered to leave my neighborhood school and RIDE to integrate a White school in an affluent neighborhood

My father and mother joined the civil rights struggle "We go to work -you go to work"

- · Father:
 - · Hall of Fame at Whittier College
 - · A social worker-helping kids in need
 - . The first Director of the Washington State Anti Bias Board
 - · A colleague of Dr. ML King, jr.
 - · MSW, USC
- Mother
 - AKA
 - Seattle Public School Teacher
 - · Head Start leader
 - · Seattle Teachers Union
 - MA, UCLA

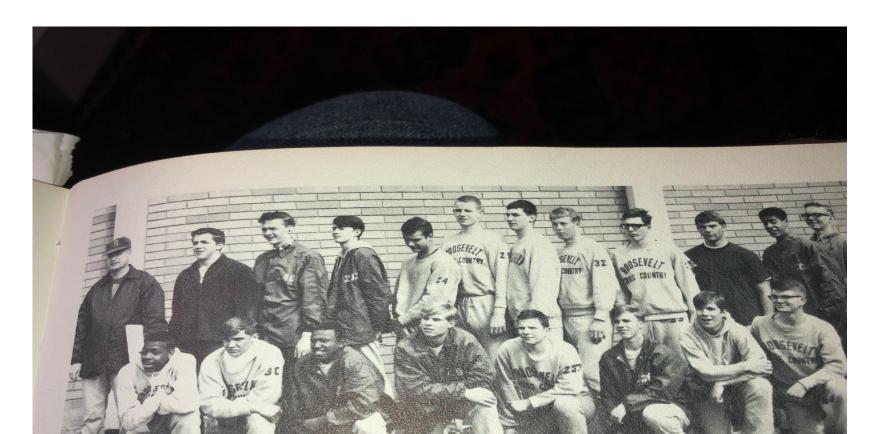




Students were few in number and so were teachers of color



Sports as an opening in the school to belong



Joined Swedish Club to prove we were not stereotypes



My father, introduced me to the Champ- when I graduated from Roosevelt, and he asked me "..now what?"



Where do you go at 17 to make change?

School, community, the world

- Integrate a high school
 - · One of 9 Black students
 - · The price is high
 - · Go to the Black Panthers to work for change
 - · Go to South Africa to fight Apartheid
 - Go to Cuba to see for yourself -Communism or?
 - Go to Ferguson to build BLM
 - Work in your home community—plenty of work to do there









PURPOSE SETTING

What's happening for the current generation of students...

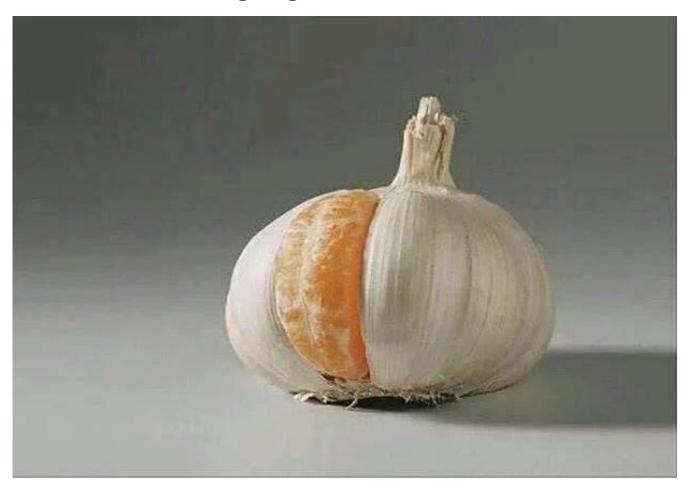
Frederick

Federick is a 15-year-old, black boy

Kate

Kate is a 13-year-old, white girl

Inclusion or belonging?



Fewer AP classes, suspended more often: Black students still face racism in suburbs

The Urgent Need for Anti-Racist Why are American public schools still

segregated? Latinos & The Scars Of Educational

Discrimination **New Study Finds Black Teens Face Racial** Discrimination 5 Times A Day On Average **INDIVIDUAL**

SYSTEMIC

INTERPERSONAL

INDIVIDUAL

A **person's** beliefs & actions that serve to perpetuate oppression

- conscious and unconscious
- externalized and internalized

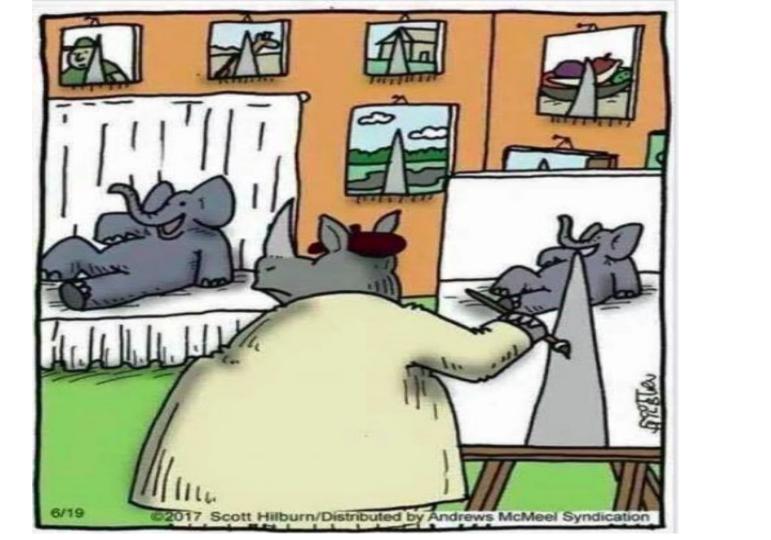
The *interactions*between people
—both within and
across difference

INSTITUTIONAL

Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression

STRUCTURAL

How these effects interact and accumulate *across institutions*—and across history



The Teaching Brain- Dr. Vanessa Rodriguez

"We are never teaching who the student is.

We teach who we believe that student is.

That is based on who we are."

In the Padlet:

What needs to change structurally for True Integration? Think about parents, teachers, students, school boards, other members of the school community.

Instead of seeing a failing student, ask: how has this system (me) failed to see this student?



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