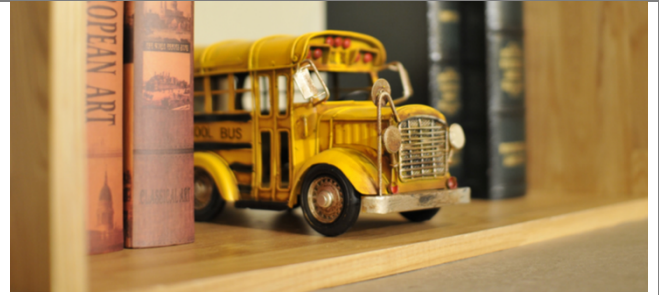


Whose Children? What Schools?



Unveiling the Politics of School Assignment in Boston
October 21, 2017

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- Light Breakfast
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Odette Williamson, QUEST
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Barbara Fields, BEAM
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Kevin Murray, QUEST
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Dr. James Jennings
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Facilitators: Donna Bivens, UMN, and Karen Oil, QUEST
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Reflections on Patterns re. School Assignment

Turn and talk:

With your partner, make connections between:

(A) Two or more things you've heard today

(B) Something you heard today and something in your own experience

Fishbowl: "Making the Connections: So what? Now what?"

Notes:

Who are we?

Black Educators' Alliance of Massachusetts (BEAM) was founded in 1965 by a small group of Black educators committed to improving education. Known in its infancy as the Massachusetts Negro Educators' Association, BEAM has provided five decades of leadership and support for educational reform at the local, state and national levels.

<http://www.beaminfo.org/>

Quality Education for Every Student (QUEST) is a volunteer, grassroots organization of parents with children in Boston Public Schools. Founded in 2012, the group initially came together over concerns about the inequities of proposed changes to the BPS assignment system. We continue to ask how education policies and practices can help to dismantle past oppression, increase opportunity, and provide greater access to quality education for all. qualityforeverystudent@gmail.com, [questbps](#) on facebook, [@quality1st4BPS](#) on twitter

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