

# TEACH-IN AGENDA



## WISDOM ACTION

Learning from Black Educators  
to Diversify Allegheny County's  
Teacher Workforce

**MARCH 19, 2024**

August Wilson African American Cultural Center  
Pittsburgh, PA

## Learning & Networking

Dinner served in the lounge. Enjoy gallery exhibits. Peruse resources.

## Welcome & Introduction

- Dr. Kate Callahan, Executive Director, Research for Action
- Dr. Tamara Allen-Thomas, Superintendent, Clairton City School District
- Saxon Nelson, Director of Community Engagement, Research for Action

## Youth Performances & Special Greetings

- Joseph Stamera & the Pittsburgh Allegheny 4-5 Grade Choral Ensemble
- Alexis Walker, Education Coordinator, Mayor's Office, City of Pittsburgh

## A Look at the Research

- Sietta Parks, Research Associate, Research for Action
- Kevin Burgess, Research Analyst, Research for Action
- Mary Eddins, Policy Associate, Research for Action

## Short Break & Activity

You'll need your phones out for this exercise.

## In Sharp Focus: A Dialogue on Teacher Diversity

- Jason Rivers, Director of Narrative Transformation, Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Dawn Gordon, Principal, Pittsburgh King PreK-8, Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Dr. Wayne Jones, CEO, Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship
- Danielle Smiley, Propel Schools Educator and former Propel Teacher Residency Program Resident
- Deshanna Wisniewski, Educator, Hampton Township School District
- Dr. Kathy Wilson Humphrey, President, Carlow University (moderator)

## A Token of Gratitude for Teachers



## Access More Resources

We're thrilled to have you join us for this inspiring event focused on learning from Black educators in Allegheny County. As you engage with our speakers, panel, and discussions today, we want to emphasize that the learning doesn't end here. We've curated a wealth of resources, including reports, recommendations, bios, and more, to further enrich your understanding and support ongoing initiatives in this critical area. Simply scan the QR code below to access them. Thank you for being part of this important conversation.



<https://bit.ly/RFA-Teach-In-AC>

## About Research for Action

RFA conducts research, evaluations, and technical assistance to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for all learners across their lifespans. Because systemic racism is a key driver of inequitable educational outcomes across many communities, we prioritize anti-racist research methodologies, community engagement, and strategic partnerships to advance racial and social justice in the education system. Learn more at [ResearchforAction.org](https://ResearchforAction.org).

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