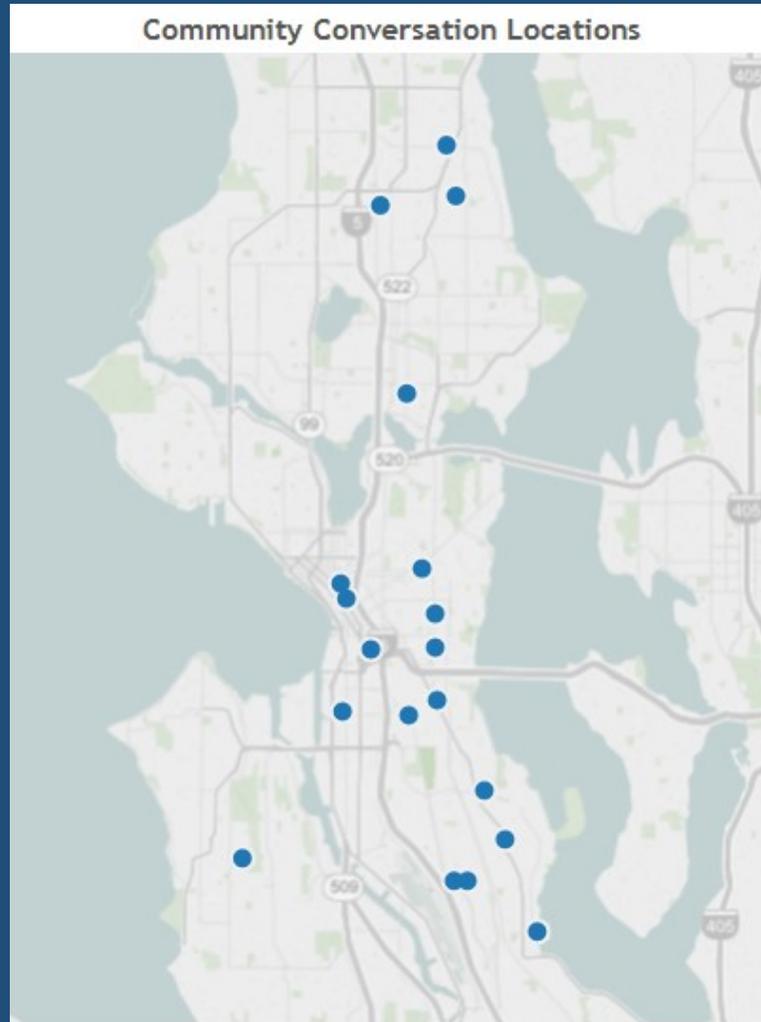


Education Summit: Community Conversations

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Community
Conversations
in 8 weeks

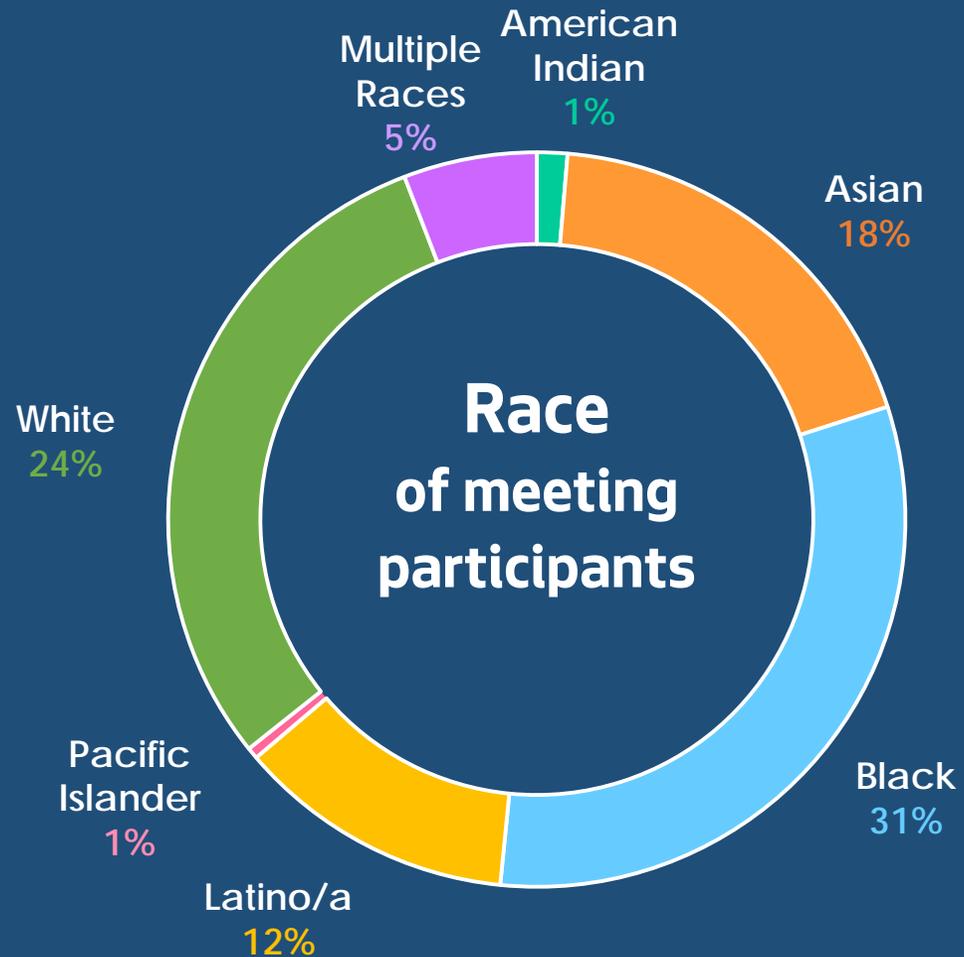


More than **1300**
people attended

Community Hosts

- Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Seattle Alliance of Black School Educators
- United Black Christian Clergy
- El Centro de la Raza
- Southeast Seattle Education Coalition
- Vietnamese Friendship Association
- Mockingbird Society
- Treehouse
- YMCA of Greater Seattle
- Soup for Teachers
- Councilmember Rob Johnson
- OneAmerica
- North Seattle Family Resource Center
- Children's Home Society
- Lake City Future First
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
- Rainier Beach High School
- Chinese Information and Service Center
- TeamChild
- Neighborhood House
- Garfield High School
- Nathan Hale High School
- Alliance for Education
- Seattle Education Association

Who Attended?



Meetings interpreted into:

Amharic	Mandarin
Bangla	Oromo
Cantonese	Russian
English	Somali
Farsi	Spanish
Filipino	Tigrinya
French	Vietnamese
Hmong	



School Climate

"Highly-qualified, culturally-competent teachers."

"A school system that only 'works' for some families or some neighborhoods."

"Every school should have an advocate for students going through the discipline process."

"...develop anti-racist curriculum for an ethnic studies program."

"Sometimes teachers have lower expectations for students of color."

"Interactions between teachers and parents need to be positive too, not just negative."

Diversity of School Workforce

"...having a teacher of the same race as you makes a greater impact."

"Teachers that reflect our experience."

"...recruit students of color to become teachers."



"Teachers of diverse backgrounds: black children need to see strong role models—black teachers, males and females doing the work."

Parent/Community Support and Engagement

"Be mindful that immigrant and refugee parents often work two jobs, levels of parental involvement differ. Support for parents and families who immigrate need support."

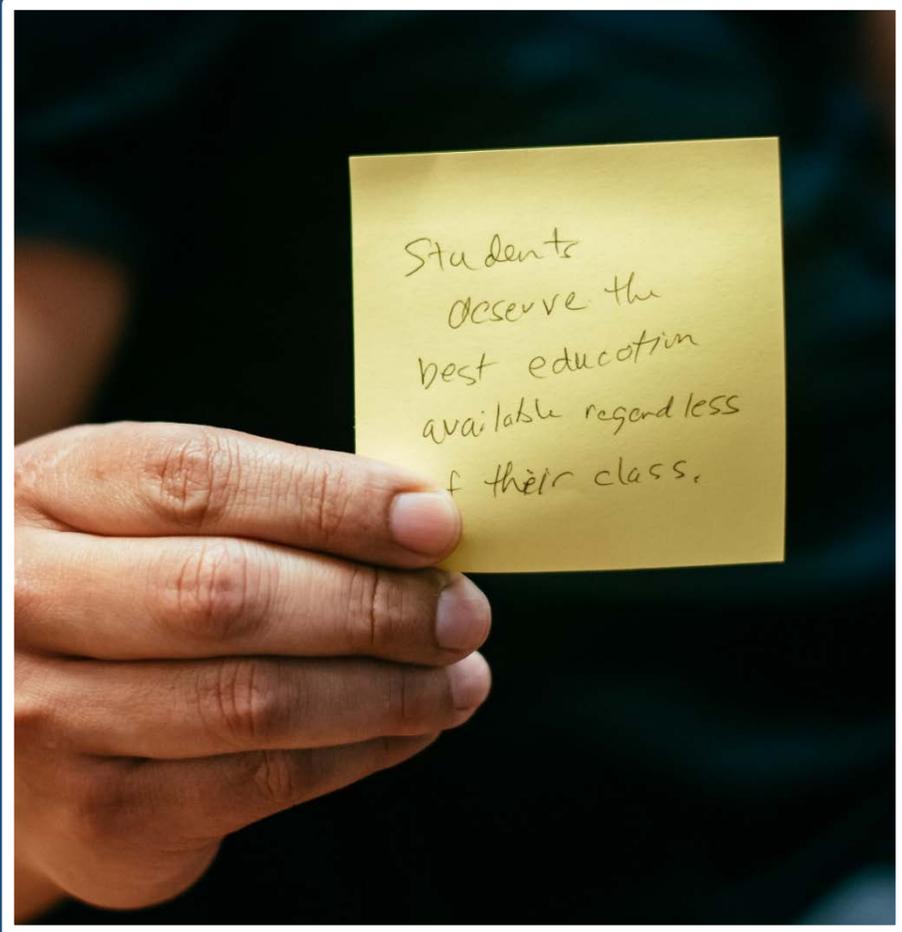
"Parents should be part of the decision-making process."

"...connect school system with families (in a way) that is culturally appropriate."



"Parental involvement in education is paramount. If there is no support at home, teachers are just putting band aids on education—and, the best curriculum in the world taught by the best teachers won't matter."

Beyond High School - What's Next?



"We deserve the right to be as prepared as possible for college."

"Career and college readiness counselors in the building, not just coming from the outside."

"Colleges must be further engaged at the high school level."

"Students of color must see visions of hope and not despair. They must see a consistent connection to future opportunities through education."

"...create sustainable job avenues for students."

"Facilitate employer opportunities to partner with schools."

Supporting Community and Family Needs

"We need to all live together in mixed neighborhoods...so that our neighborhood schools are mixed."

"Translation and interpretation for parents/adults who don't speak English."

"Lack of information and access to food during the day, particularly breakfast."

"Seattle's students in the southeast region do not feel safe in their neighborhoods."

"Solutions go beyond just education."

