



A One-Day Conference in New York City

RESTORING COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS: PROMOTING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

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This one-day conference for education leaders, policy makers and change advocates is concerned with finding positive alternatives to the school-to-prison pipeline.

RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES that over-reliance on exclusion and other punitive school disciplinary practices over the past decade-and-a-half has significantly contributed to youth push-out and young adult incarceration, especially for minority youths. The failure of these policies to create safer schools and the demonstrable harm done to children has created an urgent need for effective alternatives.

EDUCATION LEADERS RECOGNIZE this as a problem, and advocacy and policy groups want not just to identify what's wrong but also to promote concrete alternatives that work. The most promising of these have focused on creating school-wide climate and discipline programs aimed at strengthening community and social bonds while reducing behavioral problems.

THIS EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER educators, advocates and those providing effective alternatives, principally representatives of the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) Whole School Change Program, a leading national program in the field. As implemented in this program, restorative practices have been demonstrated to reduce misbehavior, violence, absenteeism, suspensions and expulsions in some of the most high-risk schools in the nation, including those in inner-city areas of New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Detroit.

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Agenda 9 a.m.–2 p.m. (Registration 8:30 a.m.)

- » Welcome and overview by IIRP
- » Keynote by Sadie Silver, Principal, Warren Prep Academy, Brooklyn, NY
- » Break
- » Organizing for Change, by representatives from the NYC Dignity in Schools Campaign
- » Lunch
- » Panel Discussion and Q&A
- » Next Steps and Closing

“We believe that discipline should be restorative and not punitive. If we are to create productive citizens, we are going to have to invest the time in teaching them socially acceptable behaviors that will lead to life-long success.”

—Sadie Silver, Principal
Warren Prep Academy — P.S. 28K, Brooklyn, NY



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