

WE ARE SEEKING YOUR VOICE



COLORADO
Department of Education

BIPOC

BIPOC is an acronym that stands for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

We want to hear from you! Join us for a listening session to help us gain a better understanding of the needs of our BIPOC families of students with exceptionalities.

The **purpose** of the listening session is:

- Listen to and gain families' perspectives of what is going well and what needs improvement in special and gifted education.
- Build on what is going well and develop support to address identified needs.
- Better understand the needs of Colorado's BIPOC and bilingual families across the state to empower them to better support their child's individual needs.
- Form a partnership with Colorado's BIPOC and bilingual families to meet their unique needs by providing them with targeted guidance and support.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

Educational equity means that every student has access to the educational resources and rigor they need at the right moment in their education across race, gender, ethnicity, language, disability, sexual orientation, family background and/or family income.

Objectives of the listening session are to:

- Discuss students' and families' equitable, diverse, and inclusive experiences with special and gifted education identification and services.
- Understand families' knowledge regarding equitable, diverse, and inclusive, special and gifted education identification and services.
- Clarify families' needs and solicit input from Colorado's BIPOC and bilingual community.
- Utilize the information we have gathered to provide support and resources to this community.

SESSION DATES/TIMES

- Session 1: April 27, 2022, at 12 to 1 p.m.
- Session 2: April 27, 2022, at 1 to 2 p.m.
- Session 3: May 18, 2022, at 12 to 1 p.m.

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