



**U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys to Hold
Virtual Roundtable Discussion on *Unlocking America's Democratic
Potential by Reducing Inequality in the Classroom***

November 3, 2022 | 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET

On Thursday, November 3, the [Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys](#) (CSSBMB) will hold a roundtable focused on closing the school achievement gap for Black boys in the classroom. CSSBMB Commissioners and invited subject matter experts will examine the challenges and disparities that exist and identify the keys to unlocking better educational outcomes for Black students. The roundtable consists of subject matter experts from government, advocacy, business and academia.

SPEAKERS:

- The Honorable **Frederica Wilson**, Congresswoman (FL-24) and CSSBMB Chair
- Dr. **Gregory C. Hutchings Jr**, Founder and CEO, Revolutionary ED, LLC
- Dr. **Glenda Prime**, Dean, School of Education and Urban Studies, Morgan State University and the National Center for the Elimination of Educational Disparities (NCEED)
- Rev. Dr. **James Henry Harris**, Professor, Virginia Union University
- Dr. **Walter Earl Fluker**, Moderator

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Mission Statement: Chair Frederica S. Wilson **(1:00 pm – 1:02 pm)**
- II. Roll Call: CSSBMB Staff Director, Mark Spencer, Esq. **(1:02 pm – 1:05 pm)**
- III. Introduction of Theme, “Unlocking America’s Democratic Potential by Reducing Inequality in the Classroom” by CSSBMB Staff Director, Mark Spencer, Esq. **(1:05 pm – 1:07 pm)**
- IV. Introduction of Guest Speakers by CSSBMB Staff Director, Mark Spencer, Esq. **(1:07 pm – 1:12 pm)**
- V. “The Good Day of School” - Dr. Gregory Hutchings Jr. **(1:12 pm - 1:30 pm)**
- VI. “NCEED Concept” - Dr. Glenda Prime **(1:30 pm - 1:48 pm)**
- VII. “The Importance of Early Childhood Development” – Kathy Hollowell-Makle **(1:48 pm – 2:06 pm)**
- VIII. “Black Boys to Black Men in the 21st Century America and the Importance of Education” – Rev. Dr. James Henry Harris **(2:16 pm - 2:34 pm)**
- IX. Open Discussion moderated by Dr. Walter Fluker **(2:34 pm – 3:14 pm)**
- X. Business Meeting **(3:04 pm - 3:20 pm)**
 - a. Approval of July 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Management and Operations Report
 - c. Request for Commissioner’s Surveys
 - d. Clarify Commissioner’s Appointment Dates
 - e. Request for Updated Profile and Contact Information
- XI. Chair Wilson’s Comments/ Adjournment **(3:20 pm – 3:30 pm)**

The Public Briefing will be [live-streamed](#) on the Commission’s YouTube page.

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The Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is a 19-member, bipartisan commission whose mission is to conduct a systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, including homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance at all grade levels, including postsecondary education and college, and health issues; Examine trends regarding Black males and report on the community impacts of relevant government programs within the scope such topics; and Propose measures to alleviate and remedy the underlying causes of the conditions described in the statute, which may include recommendations of changes to the law, recommendations for how to implement related policies, and recommendations for how to create, develop, or improve upon government programs.

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