Briefing on Disproportionate Discipline in Maryland Schools

Hosted By:
The Maryland Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date/Time/Location:
Friday, August 24, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(open session to follow)

Morgan State University
Murphy Fine Arts Center
Recital Hall
2201 Argonne Dr.
Baltimore, MD 21251

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The Maryland Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting to examine the discipline, suspension, and expulsion rates for students of color and students with disabilities. The federal data show disproportionate exclusions nationwide for both groups in suspensions, expulsions, and arrests. Data show that this disproportionality remains a serious concern in Maryland schools.

The Committee will look at what, if any, effective services are in place to address disability-related behaviors, whether disciplinary policies or practices are applied in a discriminatory manner against students of either or both groups, and what strategies are most effective to remedy disproportionate discipline.

Invited presenters include school officials, advocates, students and parents, community leaders, and other experts.

The Committee will also hear brief statements during the public comment session as time allows.