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**New York Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Briefings on Equity in Education Funding in New York**

On June 12 and 13, 2019, in Long Island City, the New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host public briefings on education equity in the state. The Committee will examine the extent to which New York's education financing impermissibly discriminates against students of color.

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 12, and Thursday, June 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT)

WHERE:

CUNY School of Law Auditorium, 2 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101

Committee Chair Alexandra Korry said, "Educational opportunity is the foundation for an equitable society. All our children should be provided with the resources necessary to become functioning participants in our civil discourse. That is the law of the State. The Committee's briefing seeks to better understand whether New York State's approach to education financing, including the Foundation Aid formula and its various add-ons, has the effect of discriminating against students of color."

As part of this study, the Committee invites members of the public to submit written comments on their perspectives or experiences with education equity issues in New York. Written statements should be submitted to dbarreras@usccr.gov no later than July 13, 2019. See below for current agenda and invited panelists. Additional details for the briefing to be announced. Stay abreast of updates at the Commission's [website](#), [Twitter](#), and in the [Federal Register](#).

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Public Briefing on Education Equity

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AGENDA
(Both dates)

Opening Remarks and Introductions: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Panels: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Panels: 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Open Public Comment Session: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks: 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Panelists (Partial List and Subject to Change)

Ian Rosenblum, Executive Director of the Education Trust-New York

Kim Rueben, Sr. Fellow in the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center at the Urban Institute

John Jackson, President and CEO, the Schott Foundation

Laurence Spring, Superintendent, Schenectady School System

Michael Rebell, Professor of Law and Educational Practice, Columbia University

Bruce D. Baker, Professor in the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers

John M. Yinger, Professor of Economics and Public Administration, Syracuse University

Jesse Rothstein, Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Univ. of California, Berkeley

Bob Lowry, Deputy Director, NYC Council of Superintendents

Timothy G. Kremer, Executive Director, New York State School Boards Association

Billy Easton, Executive Director, Alliance for Quality Education