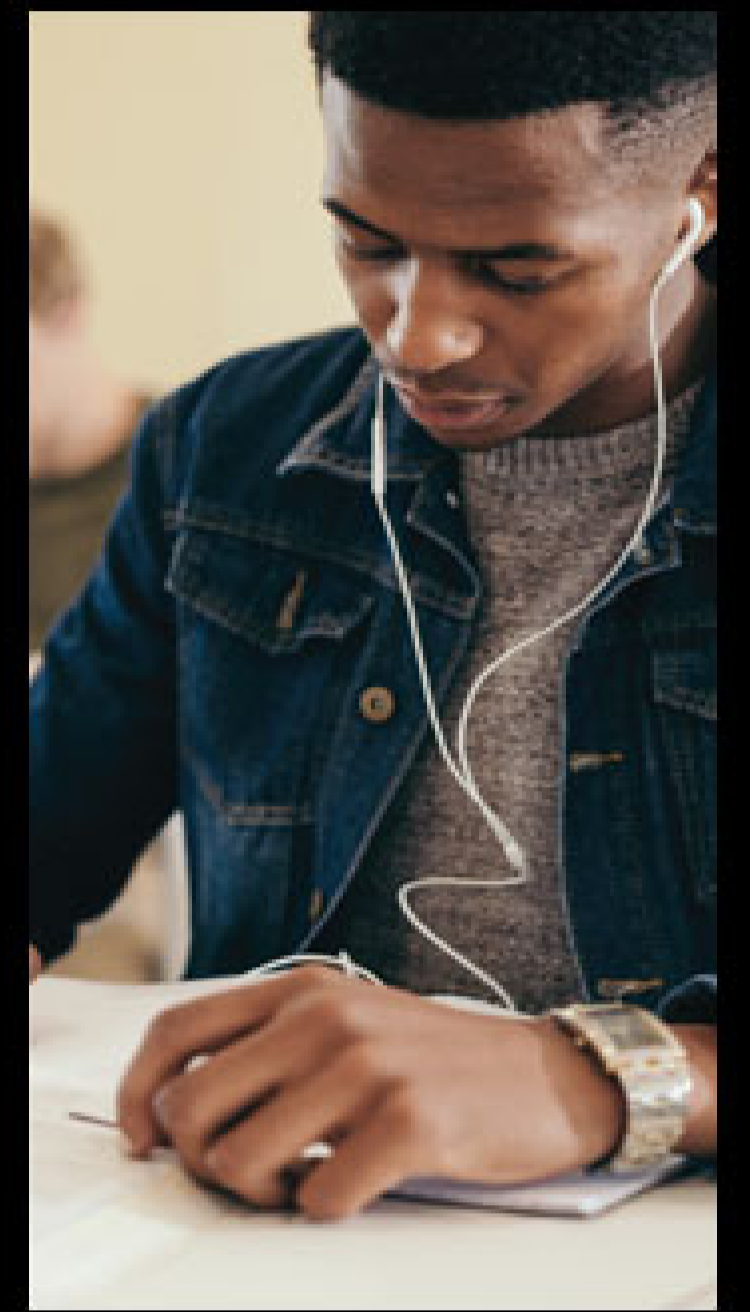
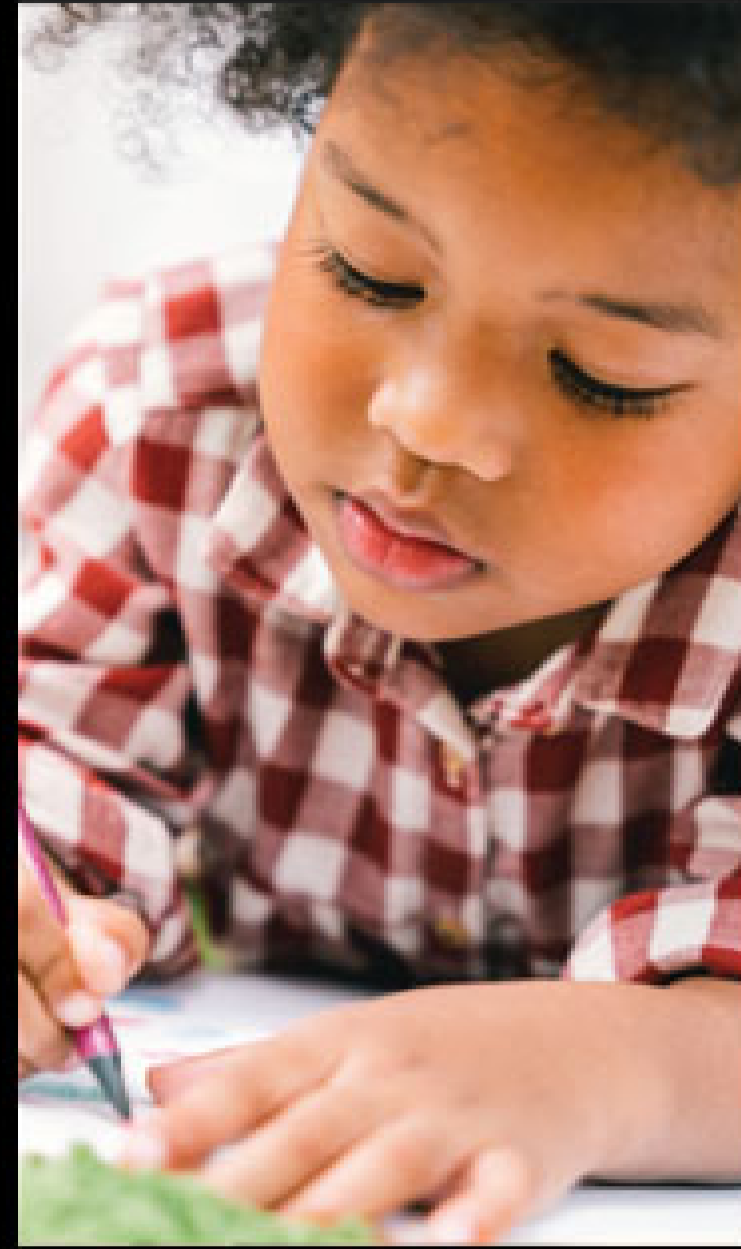


Black Minds Matter

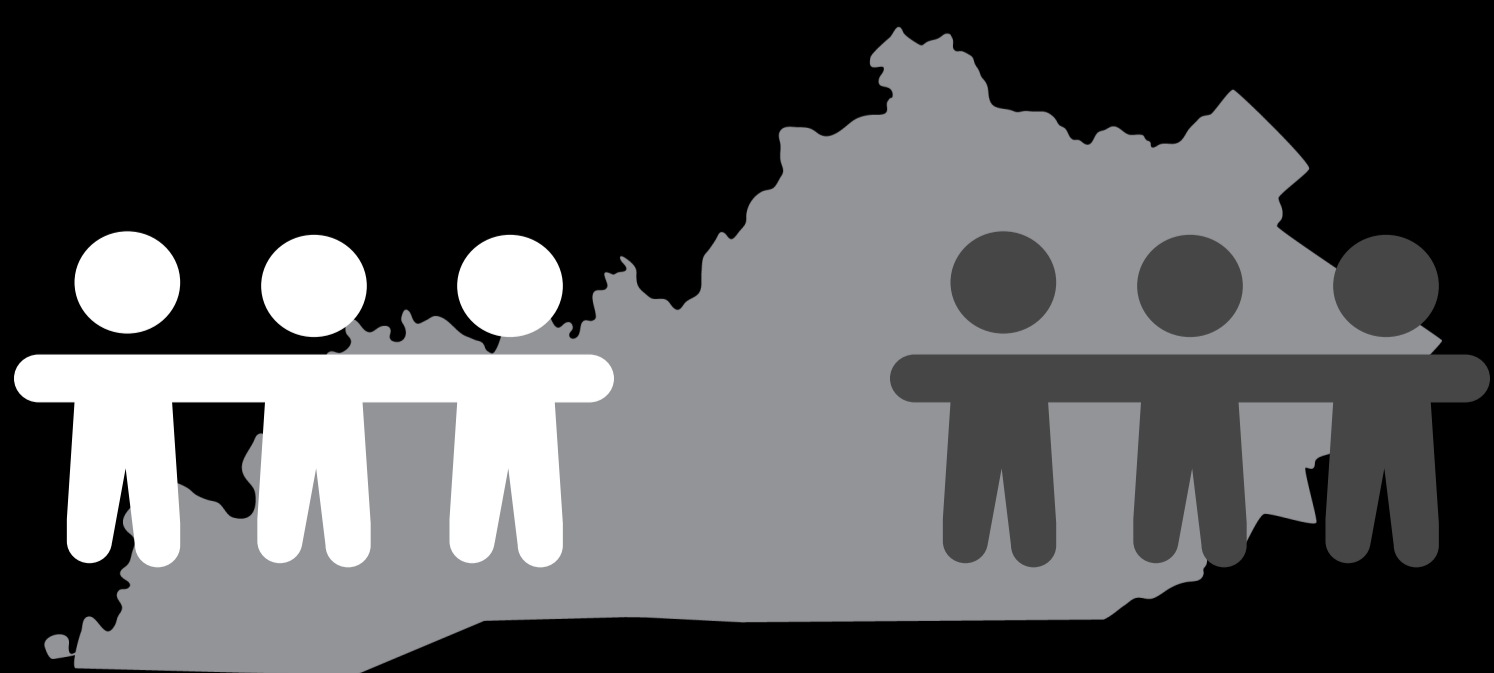
We must move forward into the next decade with the courage to see the talents and capacities of African American learners – respect them, treasure them, and deliver the environment, relationships, curriculum, and instruction that will develop and celebrate their fullest potential.



June 19, 2020: This document will be updated

KY's Achievement Gap

- In 2015, 45 percent of our entering African American students were reported fully ready for kindergarten, but by 2019, we had equipped only 30 percent of them to score proficient or above in K-PREP reading.
- Our education system isn't preparing Black students for college and career at the same rate as their White peers. In 2019, there was a 32.5% gap between Kentucky White and Black students on transition readiness.
- From 2015 to 2019, Kentucky public college enrollment declined faster for African American students than for White students.



How do you know if your public school has a racial achievement gap?

Visit kyschoolreportcard.com and search for your school. Scroll to the "Academic Performance" section. Click on the "Reading" and "Mathematics" links to find breakdowns of proficiency by race. For high schools, you can also visit the "transition readiness" section to find out if graduates are being properly prepared to transition to college or a career.

How can you work with local schools to close racial achievement gaps?

- Encourage school leaders to host staff trainings on implicit biases and cultural competence. TNTP's report, *The Opportunity Myth*, outlines the dangers of implicit bias and low cultural competence in a classroom setting and provides solutions for closing achievement gaps.
- Attend local school board meetings and ask tough questions about your school's performance.
- Host a Groundswell Gathering. Using Prichard Committee's local Community Profiles and the Kentucky School Report Card, you can host a local meeting to discuss problems and solutions, and create a plan for schools to create a consistent culture of high expectations and deep, effective support for African American students.
- Partner with schools and after school programs to provide mentorship and tutoring programs targeted to students in urgent need.
- Share College Results Online, a free online tool from the Education trust, to help students and parents, school counselors, researchers, and policymakers to search and compare colleges based on performance.