



2022 Annual Report

Mission

We lead with the heart and courageously work to address racial injustice in education, embodying Black joy, confronting anti-Blackness, and building authentic partnerships with all who support creating equitable school communities across the nation.

Vision

We envision a nation in which we live in authentic and conscious relationship with ourselves, each other, and the lands we occupy with the least amount of harm and violence, in which we are unapologetically Black and collectively love and care for one another as extended intergenerational families. To achieve safety, equity, and liberation for all Black lives, we attend to systems and networks of care to make the domination, erasure, and dehumanization of Black life obsolete.

Our Demands

- End Zero Tolerance
- Hire More Black Teachers
- Mandate Black History & Ethnic Studies
- Fund Counselors, Not Cops

A week of action. A year of purpose. A lifetime of practice.



Our People

Steering Committee

We are Black teachers, parents, organizers, community activists, students, and artists. We are located across eight regions in ten states. This year we raised our concerns in articles addressing classroom censorship, explaining critical race theory, and naming our solidarity with LGBTQIA+ students. We laid out approaches to the work in books focused on child care justice, social studies education, and our history of resistance. We continue to speak out in interviews, on panels, and as keynotes. We are dedicated to local work, elevating the four national demands, and struggling for global liberation. We choose not to be bound by the inequities in the present. Instead, we use our imagination to dream, make plans to change the world, and adamantly pursue freedom.

Partner Organizations

We are committed to transformative education, equitable schools, and working alongside organizations with aligned values. In 2022, we fought beside the Zinn Education Project, African American Policy Forum, Journey for Justice Alliance, Coalition for Liberated Ethnic Studies, and Communities for Just Schools Fund. We participated in Critical Race Theory Summer School, the Equity or Else [campaign](#), Teach Truth's Day of Action, and the Teaching for Black Lives Study Group. We'll continue our national partnerships while striving to unite with regional groups, local associations, and schools supporting students of all ages.

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Key Updates:

We are accountable to our network, which includes youth, educators, parents, families, local community advocates, diligent supporters, and bold people who regularly participate in our programming and use our shared resources.

Week of Action: People took action in their classrooms, school districts, and on college campuses. They invited others to participate by attending community panels, movie screenings, youth showcases, and curriculum fairs. Some participated in a social media campaign or coordinated silent acts of solidarity.

Year of Purpose: We continue to ask people to self-reflect, and we, as a committee, are doing the same. As an outcome of reflection and internal talks, we expanded upon "Justice for George" Day. It has become ABOLITION DAY as a tribute to the continuing legacy of Black-led abolitionist organizing, which has incited justice-oriented transformations in our world.

Staff: We have hired staff to support the internal structure and external relationships. You can read the full [press release](#) to learn about them.

Curriculum Resources: We no longer have the educational materials we collected over the last four years. We have taken this loss as an opportunity to collectively build back stronger using a new, more secure tool. Did you previously download some of our materials or recently come across a great resource related to one of our thirteen principles? If so, please share it on our open [Are.na page](#).

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Finances

90
Supporters

We are so grateful to those who chose to give to us in 2022. We have been able to provide stipends to youth artists, pay our ASL translators, and care for a member of our network after their house caught fire. You can get us to 100 [supporters](#) with a one-time donation, or you can choose a monthly donation.

30 %

A third of our budget went towards youth and a third to building connections with other organizations.

100
Registers

We held an [event](#) about renewing the radical work of Black education and sold tickets for the first time. We used ticket sales to cover the honorariums for the panelists who shared their expertise.

100%

We are giving all donations collected for our activity support [fund](#) to Black-led social change organizations. Together we can grow joyful, radical Black education rooted in relationships.



Committees

Curriculum: This committee helps curate resources and materials that span grades and subject areas to support educators in preparation for the week of action. In addition, they organize the year of purpose information and activities.

Communications, Outreach, & Partnerships: This committee promotes our message and builds cross-issue coalitions. They will connect us to spaces that center young Black people, educators, and community. Expanding the list of organizations, associations, and groups who share our goals.

Programs: This committee organizes, coordinates, and facilitates events about the four demands, thirteen principles, and proving Black lives matter at school. Our programming includes webinars, panel discussions, book studies, and more.

Policy: This committee supports students and educators facing education bans and other harmful legislation. They will identify, curate, and develop tools aligned with our principles. Providing ways to engage in policy at different levels.

Membership & Recruitment: This committee creates a space to showcase our network's organizing work. They will build on the collective knowledge of our members, real experiences, and strategies. Seek to build, provide, and nurture spaces for educators to be together.

Join Us! Our committee structure would have representation from each region and pay co-leads to promote ongoing accessibility and honoring one's time and labor.

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Our Nine Regions

West	Mountain Range	South West	Midwest	Great Lakes	South	South East	Mid-Atlantic	North East
WA OR CA NV AK HI	ID MT WY UT CO	AZ NM TX OK	ND MN SD NE IA KS MO	WI IL MI IN OH	AR LA MS AL GA SC FL	KY WV TN NC	NY PA NJ DE MD DC VA	ME VT NH MA CT RI

What's Ahead?

- We will host monthly regional meetings to create a space of support.
- We will collect [information](#) about our network to learn more about our members, what is being prioritized locally, and ways we can support.
- On January 16th, MLK Day, our 2023 T-Shirt design and new curriculum resource guide will go live!
- Our 2023 week of action events are focused on globalism, Black joy, writing and expression with incarcerated individuals, and reimagining.

"Not just opposition but alternative futures."

~ Dr. Elizabeth Todd-Breland

Renewing The Radical Project of Black Education Year of Purpose Event

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