Understanding Racism and Educational Institutions

Resources in this section are provided to open or deepen conversations about race and racism within our educational systems as we consider issues that are often difficult to acknowledge and negotiate. Each site could become the basis for a study group session or grade level faculty discussion. We encourage educators to browse through the links and consider how they might be useful in supporting growth in understanding the difficult concept of institutional racism with regard to the institutions we call schools.

Reasons why we are not yet addressing race well in schools:

History, Race, and Schooling:
• http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/16/this-video-captures-the-disturbing-truth-about-the-history-of-the-american-education-system/
• Understanding Brown vs Board of Education:
  http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/landmark_brown.html
  Lowcountry digital history initiative: First children in school desegregation
  http://ldhi.library.cofc.edu/exhibits/show/somebody_had_to_do_it

Lisa Delpit talking about her book, *Multiplication is for White People*:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZncKaP9ar70

Racial stereotypes and teaching/Examining self as teacher:
• http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/04/10/racism-in-schools-is-pushing-more-black-families-to-homeschool-their-children/?postshare=2471428878181466
• http://www.newrepublic.com/article/117775/brown-v-board-60-years-later-racial-divide-students-teachers

Demographics in the teaching population:
• http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/12/sunday-review/where-are-the-teachers-of-color.html
• http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answersheet/wp/2015/05/21/why-we-should-diversify-the-overwhelming-white-u-s-teaching-force-and-how/?postshare=6301432486766038

Racial bias and Talented and Gifted programs:

Racial bias and special education:
• http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/03/11/6-reasons-black-boys-without-disability-wind-up-in-special-education/
The resegregation of America’s schools:
http://www.propublica.org/article/segregation-now-the-resegregation-of-americas-schools#intro

Children’s racialized memories: Racial identity experiences teachers need to hear:
- http://mybrownbaby.com/2015/03/black-students-in-all-white-schools-these-kids-experience-will-break-your-heart-video/
- http://www.forharriet.com/2015/01/confessions-from-only-black-girl-in.html#axzz3bAaBjwPy
- Jacqueline Woodson: Brown Girl Dreaming:
  http://newblackman.blogspot.com/2014/12/author-jacqueline-woodson-on-growing-up.html

Racial bias and discipline:
- http://empathyeduicates.org/black-preschoolers-more-likely-to-face-suspension/
- http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/04/16/stanford-researchers-unveil-racial-stereotypes-that-lead-teachers-to-discipline-black-students-more-severely/
- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/racial-disparities-american-schools_55b67572e4b0074ba5a576c1

Racial bias and Black male students:
- http://crackingthecodes.org/all-films/
- http://atlantablackstar.com/2015/05/12/these-young-black-boys-describe-the-emotional-stress-they-go-through-everyday-growing-up-in-america/

Myth of the absent Black father:
http://thinkprogress.org/health/2014/01/16/3175831/myth-absent-black-father/
White teachers and Black children:
http://www.theroot.com/articles/culture/2014/11/racial_competency_in_the_classroom_can_white_teachers_be_taught_how_to_teach.html

Examining classroom bias:

Profiling Black girls:
http://putkidsfirstmn.org/why-the-opt-out-movement-targets-affluent-white-parents/

A Girl Like Me (Black Doll, White Doll): Young children learning racism:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0BxFRu_SOw

CNN: Children on Race (Anderson Cooper):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYkUMqxr_o8
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opULrjQv0Kg
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5m-xhE2MAY8
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REZ9NDrpSqE
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8m-SF24eS1A
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ENJzpWznU
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_X-cm6lqxn
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANoNZBe5J4s