

Student Voices

Strengthening the Student Movement for More Equitable Schools

Presenting Organizations

- [IntegrateNYC](#) is a student-led advocacy group committed to transforming the conversation around school segregation through research, advocacy and action.
- [Epic Theatre Ensemble](#) is an off Broadway theatre group that has developed an Arts Leadership Program Epic NEXT, which utilizes a comprehensive, individualized approach to artistic and youth development.
- [New York Appleseed](#) advocates for equity of access and fair allocation of resources to schools and neighborhoods in New York City and its greater metropolitan area.

Theme and Purpose

- Between 5-10 student leaders with ages ranging from 16-19 from IntegrateNYC will present their 5 action projects developed over the last year which articulate a comprehensive definition of 21st century school integration. They will offer student generated policy recommendations to the Board of Regents to combat segregation across the state.
- 2-3 high school students from Epic Next with ages ranging from 16-18 will perform scenes from the original play “Laundry City,” a play about educational segregation in New York City that was researched, written, and is performed by NYC public high school students.

Message

- IntegrateNYC, Epic Next, and New York Appleseed are committed to uplifting the voices of young people in educational policy debates. They will share their models of student engagement, their personal experiences as public high school students, and ideas for further collaboration between students and the Board of Regents.