Highly Capable and Racial Equity Services Advisory (HC/RESA)

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) created the Superintendent’s Highly Capable & Racial Equity Services Advisory (HC/RESA) to support the development and implementation of procedures and practices for Advanced Learning. The committee is tasked with addressing the segregated system of programs and services currently in place and with advising the Advanced Learning Department in the development and implementation of new systems, processes and supports to align with the SPS 2019-24 strategic plan and the Advanced Learning Vision, Mission, and Commitments. The HC/RESA will be facilitated by Melia LaCour of Becoming Justice.

The committee will meet March 3, April 7, and May 5, with additional meetings to be scheduled and confirmed.

**HC/RESA Members:**

Manuela Slye - SCPTSA President
Kaili David-Nsimbi - Rainier Scholars
Yen Baynes - Court Interpreter & Community Educator
Nicole Coates - DREA Advisor
Gail Morris - Native American Education Program Manager
Tina Meade - Director of Investigations & Compliance (Title IX)
Aneesa Roidad - Student and NAACP Youth Coalition in Seattle
Sariya Dunbar - Student
Romanita Hairston - Parent
Emijah Smith - Parent
Dominique Pavageau - Parent
Marc Salazar – Parent
Renee MacLeod – Parent
Christina Ellis - Parent
Margaret Montsaroff - Parent
Damon May - Parent
Megan Haddock - Parent
Radhika Nair - Parent
Doug Sohn - Principal at Adams Elementary
Rina Geoghagan - Principal at Decatur Elementary School
Chris Thomas - Principal at Martin Luther King Elementary
Paula Montgomery - Principal at Jane Addams Middle School
Cindy Watters - Principal at Mercer Middle School
James Blanton - Assistant Principal at Garfield High School
Aida Fraser-Hammer - Principal at Chief Sealth High School
Shane Baguyo - School Psychologist
Gabe Herbison – Teacher
Bobbi (Roberta) Windus - Teacher
Matthew Perez - Teacher
Deb Schaaf - Teacher
Shraddha Shirude - Teacher
Kate Poux - Teacher
Kelsey Benslimane - Teacher

**District + Advanced Learning Staff**

Concie Pedroza - Chief of Student Support Services
Deenie Berry - AL/HC Program Supervisor
Jackie Cable - Student Support Services Asst Program Manager
Sean Fisher - AL Program Specialist
Maki Ichikawa - AL Program Specialist
Nathan Wheeler - AL Program Specialist

**Alternates**

Gretchen Waschke - Parent
Berhanu Alemayehu - Parent
Christine Sanders - Parent
Lisa Batten - Parent, Dept. Veterans Affairs Research Specialist
Crystal Daniels - Parent
Carmen Brady - Former Parent
Jenny Miller - Native American Ed Program Specialist