

Conference: Newark Public Schools: How Much Progress?

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9am- 3pm

Sponsored by the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies and Newark Public Schools

Rutgers University- Newark
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Purpose: Over the last year, conflicting reports have appeared in popular media and academic reports about the progress or lack of progress in Newark public schools. This conference will try to sort through the various claims, bringing as much data to bear as possible. More broadly, some of the narratives that circulate about Newark schools, locally and nationally, may be out of touch with current realities and this may be a chance to update them.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 - Coffee and registration.

9:00- 9:15 - Welcome

9:15- 10:45 **Panel 1. What Has Changed? Trend Data on Newark**

1. Demographic trends – How has the school population changed?
2. Trends in elementary achievement and enrollment.
3. Trends in high school achievement, graduation rates, and access to rigorous courses.
4. Trends and baseline data on school climate.
5. Trends in charter sector organization and governance.
6. Preview: NCLC's 2018 Report on Post-secondary Outcomes.

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel II. Understanding Change: Causes and Significance.**

12:15- 1:30 **Lunch and Panel III. Promising Practices: Voices from the Schools**

(A panel of leaders from schools that seem to be having greater-than-typical impact.)

1:30- 2:00 **Reflections and Next Steps.**

Website with readings: <https://www.cornwall.rutgers.edu/newark-public-schools-mini-conference>