

October 13, 2021 #EquityChat

Micah Ali (@mrmicahali), President Compton Unified School District (@ComptonUnified) and Past President & Conference Chair of California Association of Black School Educators (@CABSE_)

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Welcome back to #EquityChat sponsored by @CollegeFutures and hosted by @SDMesaPrez & @lamkeithcurry. We're excited to have @mrmicahali today to share a k-12 perspective through his roles as Pres. @ComptonUnified and Past Pres. & Conference Chairman @CABSE_. Welcome Micah!

[@AdrianaMaestas](#) I'm glad you are featuring him. One thing that's interesting about that school district is that the student body is majority Latino, but I don't think Latinos are on that school board, not implying that others can't represent their needs. 1/2 #EquityChat

[@AdrianaMaestas](#) That said, there probably are case studies in Black and Latino leadership & collaboration in this district. A lot of times groups are pit against each other, competing for scarce resources, when it doesn't have to be that way. 2/2 #EquityChat

[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q1 @mrmicahali. Our education, background, and experiences make us who we are. Please share three things that we should know about you. @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) 1) I am #Compton born and reared and CHOOSE to live here; 2) I am an avid history-phile; and 3) I have an unshakable belief that our Black students can and will achieve.

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) 2 @mrmicahali. What is your definition of equity? How is equity-minded practice embedded in your work? @SDMesaPrez @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) #Equity is both a noun and a verb. It is both the action and the end state of affording all students an opportunity to fully access and realize every opportunity to have a successful, thriving life.

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q3 @mrmicahali. Tell us about @ComptonUnified and @CABSE_, and your roles with both institutions. @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) I have the honor of serving as @ComptonUnified Board of Trustees' President and the Founder and Conference Chairman for @CABSE_.

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q4 @mrmicahali. Can you share more about @CABSE_'s Blueprint for Education Equity? @SDMesaPrez @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) The #Blueprint = evidence-based and emerging practices intended to work in concert to advance #BlackStudent #Equity. 1/3

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QT [@mrmicahali](#) These crowd-sourced strategies come from across our @CABSE_ network. 2/3

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QT [@mrmicahali](#) The #BlueprintStrategies are: 1) Apply a holistic "Cradle-to-Career" lens; 2) Embrace# Technology as the Great #Equity Equalizer; and 3) Challenge Inherent #Bias & Promote Positive Campus Climates. 3/3

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q5 @mrmicahali. With the pandemic changing the landscape of edu across the board, what are some k-12 impacts higher ed professionals should be aware of when these students begin enrolling in college? @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) That they will require another level of both encouragement and support to transition not only to college life and rigors, but also campus life. The idea should be to set them up for success-not weed them out. #EquityChat

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q6 @mrmicahali. In addition to dual enrollment programs, how else can colleges partner with our K-12 districts to best support students? @SDMesaPrez @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) Get involved early on to prepare, inspire, and set them up for success. A great example is our partnership with @compton_college 4 @ComptonUnified's #Compton Early College High School—where students can earn a HS diploma and college degree simultaneously. #EquityChat ½

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QT [@mrmicahali](#) Also, our @compton_college and @UCIrvine, @DominguezHills GEAR UP partnership, which engages a cohort of students starting from middle school through high school. 2/2

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) Q7 @mrmicahali. What are you currently reading and what book(s) should we consider reading?

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QT [@mrmicahali](#) 1) Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom by Bell Hooks; 2) The Skillful Teacher: Building Your Teaching Skills by Jon Saphier & Robert R. Gower; 3) Invent to Learn by Gary Stager & Sylvia Libow Martinez and 4) Getting Smart by Tom Vander Ark #EquityChat

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[@lamkeithcurry](#) Q8 @mrmicahali. We're at our last question for the evening. What gives you hope? @lamkeithcurry @CollegeFutures #EquityChat

QT [@mrmicahali](#) Seeing our students thrive in spite of their circumstances as a result of us Ed leaders actually doing our job—centering them as we center #Equity. @CSBA_Now @CABSE_

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[@SDMesaPrez](#) TY @mrmicahali for sharing your unique perspectives on equity through the k-12 lens. Join us again next week as we welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning Photojournalist @MarcioSanchez06 to #EquityChat! Until next time, @SDMesaPrez @lamkeithcurry @equityavengers OUT!