

Friends and Colleagues,

As you know, over the years and across the nation many of us have faced resistance while working on issues of diversity, privilege, power and oppression. Additionally, too often we are reminded that our positions (jobs) can be quickly reorganized or eliminated, even in the progressive city of Seattle, WA. Dr. Caprice Hollins is a courageous, competent and confident scholar, educator and administrator. She has been under attack by the news media and community members since we connected and collaborated. However, she still decided to support/encourage Seattle Public School students, faculty and members of her staff attending the White Privilege Conference. Long story short, SPS fired her and one of the reasons being reported by the news and in the newspapers (see articles below) was her support for the WPC.

Please take 15-20 minutes and write/send emails and/ or letters of support to SPS and the newspapers on behalf of Dr. Hollins and the Office of Equity and Race Relations. Specifically, we need to let folks know about the positive-transformative impact the WPC is having on students, faculty/teachers, administrators and organizations (systems). The SPS (and others) need to hear from both participants and presenters. I appreciate you taking the time to respond to this requests and show some support for Dr. Hollins and the WPC. If you want to send a note of support and encouragement to Dr. Hollins, here is her email address:

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Shake-up at Seattle Schools:

\*Seattle Public Schools has eliminated 16 central-office positions in a money-saving reorganization that included removing the director of...

Full story:

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2004402470\\_schoolsreorg09m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2004402470_schoolsreorg09m.html)

\*Seattle Public Schools drops controversial office As part of a reorganization, Seattle Public Schools is getting rid of an office whose director found herself mired in controversy over whether defining standard English is racist.

Full story:

[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/362373\\_schools09.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/362373_schools09.html)

The next White Privilege Conference is April 1-4, 2009!

Visit: [www.uccs.edu/~wpc/](http://www.uccs.edu/~wpc/)

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WACANupdate EDITOR's NOTE: See also:

The Seattle School District has put an end to its equity and race department. The District says it's an organizational change that will save money and support the strategic plan of the new Superintendent. It's also the end of Dr. Caprice Hollins' job.

Full story:

<http://www.kuow.org/DefaultProgram.asp?ID=14898>