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**Session Title:** Closing All the Gaps: A Discussion of Strategies for Change in Education

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**Abstract**

This panel discussion will focus on the disparities that exist between the achievement of Black students and the achievement of other racial/ethnic groups in America's public schools. We believe the cause of the achievement gap is multifaceted and that a multifaceted approach is necessary for us to begin to address issues that will impact the achievement of Black students. This panel discussion will include multiple perspectives and will develop awareness of issues as well as lay the foundation for follow-up activities throughout the coming year. The expected outcomes of this discussion include recommendations for strategies to address the achievement gap; proposed mechanisms for tracking the progress toward closing the gaps; and identification of issues surrounding resources and policies impact that achievement.

**Target Audience:** Educators at all levels and disciplines, administrators, policy makers, parents, school psychologists, counselors, media specialists, assessment specialists, and educational researchers