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The Monthly Newsletter of the Massachusetts Educator Equity Alliance

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Ten weeks ago, the Massachusetts Educator Equity Alliance was a conviction and a plan. Today it is thirteen founding districts, our first partners, a statewide convening calendar, an advisory board, and an inaugural conference seven weeks away. That pace belongs to no one person — it belongs to every leader who read a letter, took a call, and decided their district should help build the statewide home for educator diversity rather than wait for one. This first newsletter exists to keep that “we” informed: what's built, what's next, and where you belong in it. Thank you for being early. Founding is forever.

— **Claire Galloway-Jones, M.Ed.**

Founder & Executive Director

Meet the Founding Class — Thirteen Districts Strong

Somerville Public Schools · Belmont Public Schools · Match Charter Public School · Scituate Public Schools · Fitchburg Public Schools · Lynn Public Schools · Whitman-Hanson Regional School District · Bedford Public Schools · Framingham Public Schools · Grafton Public Schools · Revere Public Schools · Westwood Public Schools · Stoughton Public Schools

The founding class remains open until **October 30th**, when it closes — permanently — at the inaugural conference. Districts and charter organizations that join before then carry the founding designation forever.

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Founding Partners

Stonehill College — Founding Pipeline Partner and host of the inaugural conference

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) — Founding Pipeline Partner

Massachusetts Executive Office of Education (EOE) — Founding Pipeline Partner

Mark Your Calendar: The Convening Year

Members hold one standing block — **the second Tuesday of each month** — alternating between full membership meetings and our four-part Educator Diversity Act webinar series:

Tue, Oct 13	Membership Meeting #1 — the convening year opens
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Tue, Nov 10	Educator Diversity Act Webinar #1
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Tue, Dec 8	Membership Meeting #2
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The full 2026-27 calendar lives at masseducatorequity.org under *Calendar*.

Conference Registration Opens This Month 🌱

Rooted and Responsive: Building the Educator Workforce Massachusetts Students Deserve — Friday, October 30th at Stonehill College, with a keynote by **Dr. Mary Bourque**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

Founding members register first: Monday, September 21st — watch your inbox for your district's three included seats and registration code.

Public registration opens Friday, September 25th.

General \$150 · Member additional attendees \$125 · Students (student teachers and ed-prep programs) \$75

Also This Fall

The ALOC Fellowship — Ascending Leaders of Color, our nine-month cohort for administrators of color at every stage — is accepting applications and nominations now through **Friday, October 16th**, ahead of the October 23–24 launch retreat. Details and both forms at masseducatorequity.org under *ALOC Fellowship*.

Meet the Advisory Board — This month we introduced the four leaders guiding the Alliance's build: Alvin Cooper, Adina Schechter, Cyndi Weekes Bradley, and Dr. Kendra Washington-Bass. Their stories are unfolding now on our LinkedIn and Instagram — follow along.

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