



# **How Schools Can Help Students Who Experience Systemic Oppression Achieve Their Wildest Dreams**

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# INTRODUCTION

- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- Systemic oppression and the opportunity gap
- The cycle
- My “why”







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01

# The Problem

Opportunity Gaps



“The income-related achievement gap between students from high-income and low-income families is apparent before children enter kindergarten and persist throughout K–12 education. For example, children in the highest socioeconomic group entering kindergarten have cognitive scores 60% higher than those of children in the lowest socioeconomic group”

—**(William et. al., 2017, p. 183)**

# SOLUTIONS



## The Teachers

Teachers have a HUGE impact on a student's educational career.



## Extra-curriculars

Being involved in extra-curriculars helps students grow socially, educationally, and personally.



## Inclusive, Rigorous Classrooms

All students should be taught with rigorous curriculum that will challenge them enough to grow.



## Stability & Sense of Belonging

Having stable relationships and a sense of welcoming will allow students to connect with the school and their learning.

# Teachers



**Caring**



**High Expectations**



**Culturally  
Knowledgeable**

# CONCLUSIONS

**01**

**What I've learned  
& How to Apply**

**02**

**Further  
Research?**



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**Every child  
should have the  
chance to follow  
their dreams.**

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# THANKS!

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