

# DTEC-TAG QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY SPRING!

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, and we are eager to kick off a new season and continue the work we've been doing all year long! Our newsletter will now be released quarterly and as a reminder, below are the guiding themes of the Delta Teacher Efficacy Campaign this year.

- Every Student Succeeds (ESSA) Act
- Critical Race Theory
- Whole Child Approach
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Culturally Relevant Teaching, Learning & Leadership

As we usher in the next phase, we look forward to our Equity Warrior advocacy projects and look forward to offering more programs for educators looking to connect including:

- DTEC-TAG Advisory Committee of scholar-practitioners committed to the future of our program
- Virtual Wellness Day for our Equity Warriors (TAG Participants)
- Monthly Fireside Chat with Program Director via IG Live

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## A Word From Our Program Director...



Spring has sprung here in the DMV, where DTEC-TAG offices are located. The Equity Warrior Teams have been actively planning advocacy projects to bring awareness and address the need to increase teacher efficacy through a reflective professional development model. DTEC-TAG aims to equip DTEC-trained educators with tools to build advocacy projects that raise awareness about education policies such as Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and provide digital programming to include conversations around social-emotional learning and distance learning, and other relevant topics.

This year is filled with the season of newness. One that will challenge the post-COVID trajectory of education. The Equity Warrior teams will continue to be a crucial component of our execution strategy of research and education at DREF.

Equity Warrior teams have linked teacher professional development with improved student performance and classroom outcomes within enhanced teacher efficacy. Given the increasing demand for enhanced student performance, implementing effective instructional practices that improve the whole child within all classrooms is critical. To address the need to identify, implement, and determine teacher impact of culturally relevant, evidence-based instructional practices necessary for improved student achievement, especially in mathematics and literacy, that address the students and improve teacher efficacy.

Our children are experiencing various educational inequities that have affected their learning. DTEC-TAG will continue to think critically, engage in policy, and provide solutions through our advocacy. I encourage you to join our social media platforms to stay updated on the Equity Warriors advocacy as we elevate EDUCATION NOW! Thank you for your continued support.

Kenya C. Ramey, MA-M.Ed.  
"She who learns, teaches."

# CREATING POSSIBILITIES TO IMPROVE LIVES

# SISTERHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP & SERVICE



The DTEC-TAG Team has been working tirelessly with our Equity Warriors to support educators across the nation and engage new participants.

This last quarter we were able to support a number of awareness days including appreciation days highlighting School Librarians, Paraprofessionals, Administrative professionals, Assistant Principals, School Principals, School Lunch Heros, School Nurses, Speech Pathologist and of course, Teachers.

As we prepare for regional conferences and our fall Education Symposium, we look forward to galvanizing a new generation of Equity Warriors ready to advocate for education and those who do the work in their cities. We will be launching recruitment efforts for new Equity Warriors and announcing our state expansion and next steps soon.

We will also be continuing our webinar series, fireside chats, and social media campaigns to keep you all in the know and engaged.

In order for educators to truly make a change, especially in a time like this when so much is at stake, we must unify our efforts. Independently, we are all doing the work, but collectively, we are a force to be reckoned with. And that is what it is going to take to ensure a bright, equitable educational future for our babies.

We must re-imagine the possibilities for our systems. Gone are the days of teacher burnout, lack of teacher retention and educational inequities. Now is the time to force forward and create a brighter tomorrow by preparing ourselves for the challenge ahead and leaning on one another for support.

**"FOR ME EDUCATION MEANS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO LIVE MORE ABUNDANTLY, TO LEARN TO BEGIN, TO LEARN TO BEGIN WITH LIFE AS THEY FIND IT AND MAKE IT BETTER" -CARTER G. WOODSON**

# 2022 PROGRAMMATIC OFFERINGS

## National Office Projects

- Delta Days at The Nation's Capital
- Delta Days at The United Nations
- Delta Days at DC Council
- Bill & Melinda Gates Op-Ed Piece- "DTEC-TAG: Education Now!"
- Equity Warriors Team Recruitment - Summer 2022
- TAG State Expansion - Fall 2022
- Advisory Council
- Education Symposium Committee
- Annual Symposium - Fall 2022
- #WeNeedBlackTeachers Partnership with Center for The Black Educator Development
- eLearning Platform- Workshops, Modules
- Southern Regional Conference (Kissimmee, Florida)- July 14- July 17, 2022
- Midwest Regional Conference (Minneapolis, MN)- August 25-28, 2022
- Eastern Regional Conference (National Harbor, MD)- September 1-4, 2022

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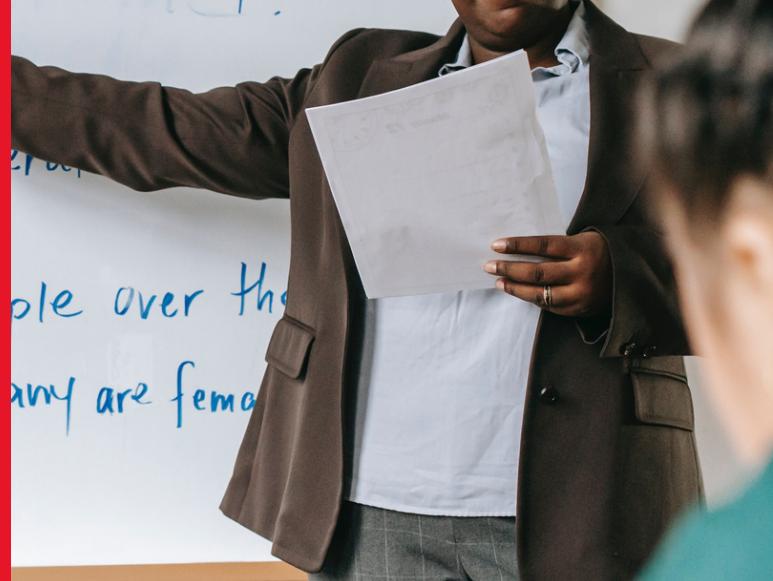
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## Equity Warrior Projects

- North Carolina - Focused on Restorative Justice Practices/Engaging students with Disabilities & 504 Plans
- DMV - Mental Health Support for Educators and Staff/Wellness Practices
- Georgia - Webinars around Professional Development/ Transitional opportunities for educators/Partner with the National Association of Educator
- Tennessee - Recruitment Plan/Equitable Solutions for educators/Family Support/Justice reform/Learning Loss/Collective impact within Black and brown communities
- Florida - Social-emotional learning as a pathway to social justice
- Texas - Galvanizing educators around policy on a regional front

# DTEC-TAG HIGHLIGHTS BLACK EDUCATORS



All year we'll be highlighting Black educators who served as pioneers, change agents, and transformational workers for students, teachers, parents, and academia at large. We want to highlight not only those who have made history but those who are continuing to make history.

Bettina Love is a professor and pioneer, working to establish abolitionist teaching pedagogy in schools across the nation. She is also the co-founder of the Abolitionist teaching network which offers opportunities for educators and parents to get engaged on a social level.

It is the work of educators like Love that continue to push us, challenge us, and keep us focused on innovating new practices that help us ensure we are providing everyone with the best education possible.



**"EDUCATION CAN'T SAVE US. WE HAVE TO SAVE EDUCATION."**  
**-BETTINA LOVE**

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- [Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Booklist](#)
- [Asian Americans in People's History of United States](#)
- [Teaching to the Heart: Poetry, Climate Change, and Sacred Spaces](#)
- [Teach Asian American History](#)
- [Zinn Education Project](#)

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