



## Resource roundup: Equity

With the increased focus on racial injustice in our nation, many public schools are prioritizing a commitment to improving equity in the classroom and beyond. To support these efforts, we rounded up Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) resources that focus on equity as relates to opportunity gaps, teacher diversity, culturally responsive practice, social and emotional learning, and remote learning.

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## Building a diverse teacher workforce through a robust inquiry, planning, and implementation process

When teachers reflect students' racial/ethnic and cultural background, the results can be powerful. Learn how REL Midwest is supporting Lansing School District in building a diverse teacher workforce.

[Read more](#) →

## Using teacher exit surveys to improve teacher retention

Teacher departures and turnover can pose serious challenges for schools and have a negative impact on student achievement, particularly for low-income students and students of color. A teacher exit survey can help districts and schools better understand why teachers leave and, thus, better target efforts to improve retention.

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## New archived events

If you missed these REL Midwest events, the archived materials are now available on our website:

- Documentary screening and facilitated panel discussion: [Heartbeat of the Community: Preparing, Recruiting, and Retaining Teachers Remotely](#)
- Webinar series: [Supporting Students' Social and Emotional Learning and The Role of Adult Social-Emotional Learning](#)

## Featured REL resources to guide school reopenings

Schools face numerous challenges and uncertainties as they plan for reopening in the fall. The featured blog posts below provide guidance to assist education leaders in their planning. For more resources and events to address the pandemic, see the REL Program's [COVID-19 page](#).

- REL Mid-Atlantic blog post: [Reopening Schools While Mitigating COVID-19's Spread: How Many Days Should Students Attend?](#)
- REL Pacific blog post: [Reflecting on Teacher Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

## Ask A REL

Browse the responses to some recent questions submitted to our Ask A REL reference desk, and then [submit a question](#) of your own!

- What research and resources are available on the [impact of secondary trauma on public school educators](#)?
- What research is available on best practices for [improving student motivation and engagement in distance learning](#) programs?
- What research is available on the effectiveness of [bilingual education teaching methodologies](#)?

### Contact Us

Please contact us for more information about any of the items in this newsletter or to speak to a member of our staff. We look forward to hearing from you.

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