

## **One Love Global**

Transforming communities so Black children experience justice, peace, healing, opportunity, and abundance.



As the new school year approaches, so does a pivotal moment for our future... Elections are on the horizon, and the decisions made in the coming months will not only shape the future of education but also the future of our children and communities.

We must rise above the challenges facing public education: the threat of closing the Department of Education; attempts to push out Black and Brown teachers and administrators; book banning; and prohibiting language related to DEI from being used in schools, to name a few.

This is a time for <u>Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation</u>. A time to organize and to take action. We must ensure that education remains a valued life force for critical thinking, connection, and opportunity—not a casualty of fear. And in this moment, it's more important than ever for us to join with students, teachers, and parents as a unified force.

This summer, we proudly hosted the fifth year of <a href="Freedom Summer Youth Organizing School">Freedom Summer Youth Organizing</a> School, where Black and Brown youth came together to learn about history, community organizing, and equity in relation to their own lives. With facilitation support from alumni of <a href="Peace & Prosperity Youth Action Movement (PPM">Peace & Prosperity Youth Action Movement (PPM)</a>, they identified the issues most pressing to their communities and envisioned solutions to the disparities that persist. They are learning to recognize and challenge the forces that seek to undermine their education and future. These bold, wise, and resourceful experts know what true education equity looks like, and their insights are invaluable as we move forward.

On **October 5, 2024**, we invite you to join us at the <u>My Brother's Keeper / Girls' Equity</u>
<u>Network Michigan Summit</u> in Lansing. This summit is an opportunity for youth, community members, and organization leaders across the state to unite in collective action. Together, we can pave the way for equitable results for Black and Brown children across six crucial milestones, including education as it relates to young peoples' ability to thrive.

Register

Together, we can transform the future of education and secure a brighter future for all our children.



Democracy is at its best when all voices are heard! By voting early, you ensure YOUR voice is heard without the long lines and last-minute rush. It's easy and secure.

## Did you know...?

- You can fill out your absentee ballot anywhere, including at home or in your city or township clerk's office. Request an absentee ballot online at mi.gov/vote.
- Michigan voters can now sign up to receive an absentee ballot in the mail before every election. You can join the list when you apply for a ballot by mail for an upcoming election. Just check the box indicating that you'd like to automatically receive a mail ballot for each future election for which you're eligible.
- Eligible individuals between 16 and 17.5 years old can now "pre-register" to vote. Register to vote online at <a href="mi.gov/vote">mi.gov/vote</a>. Once you turn 17 and a half, your pre-registration will automatically turn into a regular registration.
- Michigan voters now have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an early voting site prior to the election. You can find an early voting location at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting">https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting</a>

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