



# NYC DOE EMPOWERING BOYS INITIATIVE

Presents

## 2012 CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SERIES

### Infusing College Aspiration into the Community: *Transforming Our Environment to Support Young Men of Color*

Introduction by Mr. Dennis M. Walcott – Chancellor of NYC DOE

Opening Remarks by Dr. Khalil Muhammad - The Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

#### Panel Speakers:

	Dr Ivory Toldson, Associate Professor of counseling psychology at Howard University and author of <i>Breaking Barriers</i>
	Justin Serrano, President of Kaplan K12 and College Prep Programs at Kaplan Test Prep
	Ron Walker, Executive Director and one of the founding members of the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC)

Moderated by Rubain Dorancy - Deputy Network Leader of Children’s First Network 563

LOCATION: Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture  
1515 Malcolm X Boulevard, New York, NY 10030

Transportation – Subway 2, 3 to 135<sup>TH</sup> St; Bus M7, M102 to 135<sup>th</sup> St.

DATE: Monday, January 23rd, 2012

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Pre-registration is required at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EBDRBWGTY>

The Closing the Achievement Gap (CAG) is a speaker series and learning program sponsored by NYCDOE Division of Equity and Access and derives from the Empowering Boys Initiative (EBI). The series is a component of the NYCDOE’s *Empowering Boys Initiative* and focuses on closing the achievement gap in Black and Latino male students by supporting schools through the identification, development and promotion of innovative and culturally competent support systems. This year’s theme is “**ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY: PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR COLLEGE & CAREER ACHIEVEMENT.**” These sessions will equip parents, teachers and students with the necessary tools that are needed to engage, retain and encourage boys to succeed in the global economy.