

## Integration Advisory Task Force - 11/11/29

Speaking with Nancy of ISAIAH before meeting gets rolling.

Moving some meetings to the Capitol @ 12:30 pm (availability of space)

Limiting citizen input to 10 people w/3 min each at 1/10 meeting

Stress in topics is heavily weighted toward Achievement Gap

My view: linking integration to the AG is very narrow

Suggesting that remote participation would be possible (but they say Skype, weak)

Mariani notes imbalance of AG v. Integration ... Bassett notes underlying topic vague

"sweet spot" or "nexus" of how integration meets the rule ... Bassett where kids of different backgrounds would be in school together and do well

KK our charge is to replace integration w/focus on AG

CM we could include integration, leave it off, or find a sweet spot

Is integration a %? Does class count?

MO read charge carefully and in context of Federal constitution & law. AG may not be only measure.

PW intent not to eliminate integration but to repurpose to address AG (but no conclusion possible on AG yet!)

KK says \$ never had to do w/racial balance, rather to increase interracial contact (soccer camp)

RB main concern is closing AG... must put \$ on closing the gap... only way out is education.

RB has issue with HB

HB frightened of how far apart Americans moving from each other... learn to work together

**Tom Gillaspy, State Demographer**

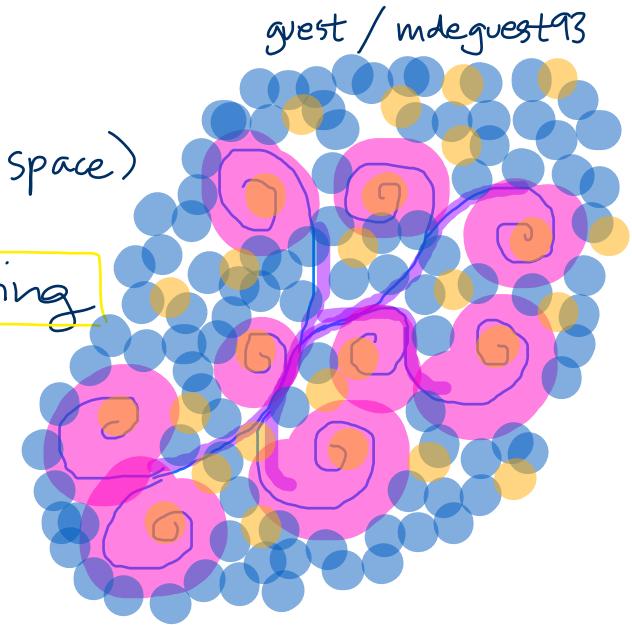
\* Are measures of AG painting a dire picture so we dismantle even things that work?

MN not near national avg diversity (except Ramsey County, which will be avg in 2020)

MN elderly very white ... birth rising (w/dip for recession)

65+ and K12 will cross this decade w/HS graduations peaking in 2008/09 but increasing in diversity

Minority proportion in MSP over 70% approaching 40% in metro area



**AG** ≡ Achievement Gap

Identifies some migration out of MSP (not necessarily race-based) 5% loss is significant

Privates & charters losing students

★ Is achievement gap a cause or a symptom?  
How do we get at root?

We never talk about concept of social class

Race & ethnicity not a stable concept in US census. A variable concept & construct.

MDO is open-enrollment increasing or decreasing interracial contact?

RE impact of "empty units" on these numbers. TG notes "great recession" impact.

### Tom Melcher, MDE finance

Shared packet on revenue sources.

Note M.S. 124 D.87 deseg transport aid

