

Making the Invisible Visible:

The Accountability Conundrum Facing Educational Equity Advocates

"I would say probably the most fundamental thing that we did was go to partners and say, here's the situation on the ground, here's what we know."

*-Hal Smith,
National Urban League*



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- [Summer. Learning. Loss. Leadership.](#)

Consider How Accountability Working From the Margins fits in to the New Definition of Robust Equity

- [Robust Equity – New Definitions Driven by Equity; Informed by Science](#)

COVID has created unexpected opportunities to challenge traditional measures of student and school success (such as attendance, course grades, standardized tests). Many of these measures are disaggregated to expose inequities.

Convergent science findings challenge the appropriateness of these accountability measures for all students, but particularly for marginalized young people. But nature abhors a vacuum.

The Readiness Projects are working to address this challenge by grappling with these questions:

- **Are there ways to expand accountability measures to make science-informed alternatives more visible, feasible and available?**
- **Is there evidence to draw upon from both leading-edge schools and from community learning settings that have broadened their assessment and accountability toolboxes and used them to accelerate progress towards upending inequity?**

How can you take action?

Commit to engaging your network

- Host a follow up discussion about the accountability conundrum
 - Consider discussing as a group:
 - How might we reconsider accountability working from the margins into the mainstream?
 - What accountability measures are we using that might be applicable in other settings? How would we communicate why our measures of success should be considered?
 - How can we highlight the places in communities in which young people demonstrate success?

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- Share your feedback on ideas, tools, and resource material or contribute materials and tools from your network or organization
- Nominate the great work of your network or organization related to accountability to the [Bright Spots Database](#), or nominate other organizations.