

## Equity Network Session 3/16/2022

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Educational Equity points #6 and #7.

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#### Comments:

Under Educational Equity, #6 is summarized as having students take part in extracurricular courses, advanced college preparation programs, etc. No. 7 is summarized as adopting materials to accurately reflect student diversity. We are doing the students a disservice by not offering trade courses. Wood shop, Metal Shop, Auto Shop, etc. are courses that many students regardless of their race or socioeconomic status thrive in. Many students have a differing vision of their future than what the District is posing. Not all students want to attend college. Many want to enter the trade occupations but our District does not provide these opportunities, so we are not servicing our students' needs in all aspects. The District needs to recruit instructors for these trade courses to give our students options for their future. The instructors should either have a teaching credential OR have been an expert in their field. We should not turn away instructors because of the lack of a credential. Experience in their trade should warrant consideration. Give students a choice in their futures; do not try to plan it out for them.

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