

NAACP St. Louis County

Advocates for Educational Reform Program

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What:

Educational Roundtable meeting on Advocates for Educational Reform

When:

2016-2017 School Year

Where:

Location to be announced

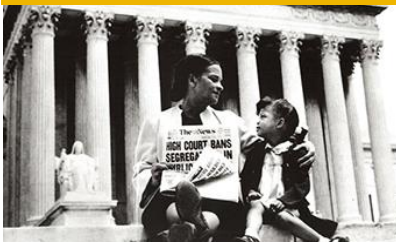
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Volunteer Lawyers

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- **Contact Kimberly Turner**, Chair School Suspension Committee of St. Louis County NAACP Legal Redress Committee

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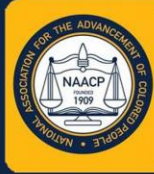


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