

## **Minnesota State Council on Disability Looking for a Few Good Parents!**

The Minnesota Department of Education is planning an Achievement Gap Retreat for April 19<sup>th</sup> to address this issue as it relates to minority children. We are specifically looking for a few good parents (representing minorities) with children with disabilities to attend this meeting and help create a public agenda to close the achievement gap for these students.

At the event, you will hear from Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner of MDE, Elia Dimayuga-Bruggeman, Asst. Commissioner of MDE, and Commissioner Kevin Lindsey, Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Dr. David O'Fallon, President of the Minnesota Humanities Center, will speak on creating a public agenda for closing the achievement gap. This will be followed by informational presentations by the state councils (The Chicano Latino Affairs Council, The Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, and The State Council on Black Minnesotans) highlighting a specific program that they feel has been successful in their communities to close the achievement gap.

Small group work will be done around these presentations on how to create a public agenda to close the achievement gap; specifically key elements of what that plan might look like. This will be the segment of the program that parents will be participating in.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kim Kang at [kimdakang@gmail.com](mailto:kimdakang@gmail.com). We are only being asked to recommend 10-20 people and we also need to submit our recommendations as soon as possible to the Minnesota Department of Education.