



Executive Summary

Inside the School Online Seminar: *Breaking Barriers: Reducing Gang Violence, Improving Security and Creating a Culture of Learning in Schools*

Establish priorities and review the best practices for educators in schools with violence and other gang related activity

Currently, more than one third of all students from 5th-12th grade report gang activity at their schools. *Breaking Barriers: Reducing Gang Violence, Improving Security and Creating a Culture of Learning in Schools* will highlight original data of nearly 4,600 students who completed the National Crime Victimization Study – School Crime Supplement. From that study educators will learn ways to guide students away from gang violence and towards academic success.

Presenter Dr. Ivory Toldson will share characteristics of students and schools most likely to be affected by school violence, and the effectiveness of commonly implemented school violence reduction strategies. The seminar will emphasize the emotional toll school violence has on students, and how teachers, counselors, and school administrators can create an environment to help students overcome violence-related stress and enjoy higher levels of academic success.

Inside the School's online seminar will discuss the increased anxiety, lower levels of academic achievement and satisfaction among students and how educators can support them. Educators will review practices for confronting school violence and explore the unintended consequences of violence awareness.

In *Breaking Barriers: Reducing Gang Violence, Improving Security and Creating a Culture of Learning in Schools* you will review:

- Shared characteristics of students and schools most likely to be affected by school violence
- The efficacy of commonly implemented school violence reduction strategies, such as metal detectors and violence prevention programs
- The emotional toll school violence has on students and school personnel
- How educators, counselors, and school administrators can cultivate an environment to help students overcome violence-related stress and enjoy higher levels of academic success and school satisfaction

About the Presenter: Ivory Toldson, Ph.D

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is an associate professor at Howard University, Senior Research Analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and Editor-In-Chief of *The Journal of Negro Education*, the country's oldest black continuous publication. Dr. Toldson is the author of *Breaking Barriers: Plotting the Path to Academic Success for School-age African-American Males*. He has held visiting research appointments at Emory, Drexel, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

Presentation Date/Time:

The 60-minute seminar will be available on-demand anytime between **March 15, 2010 through March 21, 2010** for your convenience.

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What is included in the \$199 registration price?

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