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The National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) is a thirty-eight year old non-profit membership association of more than 5,000 African American educators whose mission is to advance academic proficiency of African American and other underachieving students.

During the 35th Annual NABSE Conference in November 2007, NABSE made one of the most profound announcements in its 38 year history-the declaration that "Education is a Civil Right". The historic and documented educational underachievement of African American students in public schools is one of the most glaring inequities in our nation today. Providing a quality education to all students, especially those of African descent, is a core unfulfilled initiative that is central in our struggle for social and economic justice that began in the 20th century and continues today.

Educational justice remains the most significant Civil Right that has not been provided to all African American students and families. It is essential that a formal Black Educational Civil Rights Agenda be established, accepted, implemented and supported with adequate resources and support by all stakeholders who recognize the fundamental right of all United States citizens to a free and proper education. It is also essential to recognize that our entire society is at risk if a significant group of Americans remains consistently undereducated.

This letter serves to request that you endorse the claim that "educational justice" remains the most significant Civil Right that has not been provided to all African American youth and adults, alike. Please indicate the endorsement of your organization by signing this endorsement letter and return it to NABSE, via fax, at (202) 608-6319.

What is the obligation of any organization or institution in giving its endorsement?

Endorsees are expected to authorize the use of the names of their organizations on publications indicating their support on "Education is a Civil Right"; participate in discussion meetings; become an advocate of ECR; create an awareness of ECR within their respective memberships; and participate in a broad-based implementation plan where impossible.

Please return the letter of endorsement as soon as possible.

Many Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Quentin R. Lawson
Executive Director

ENDORSEMENT RESPONSE

I hereby provide endorsement of NABSE's declaration that "Education is a Civil Right".

Name & Signature

Date

Organization

"EDUCATION IS A CIVIL RIGHT"