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Making a collective impact
for education reform in the
city of Chicago.

MARCH 29TH, 2019 | 5:30PM - 8:30PM
WILLIAM H BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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2019 Together Chicago Education
Reform Conference

Dear Conference Participants,

Welcome to Together Chicago's Friendraiser Conference! When Co-founder, Michael Allen and I started Together Chicago in 2017, we knew that our many initiatives in economic development and violence reduction would not thrive without a comprehensive education strategy at the center of it. Since adding Damien Howard to our team, our goals for education reform are becoming realized. His decades of experience, as an educator, and overall passion for the well-being of Chicago youth has surpassed our expectations. That said, on behalf of the Together Chicago staff and the many individuals who have worked tirelessly to make this conference a reality, we are thrilled that you chose to join us here this evening. Tonight will be a night packed with informative sessions discussing education reform, including an energizing and inspiring talk from Lydia Mercer.

A special thanks to the fine staff at William H Brown Elementary School. We are grateful for your hospitality. Additionally, we will do our best to make this an enjoyable conference experience for you.

Thank you again for joining us! Enjoy the conference



DAVID DILLON
Co-Founder & President
Together Chicago

SCHEDULE

05:30 – 06:00 **REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION**

Main Hall

06:00 – 06:30 **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

LaToya Lyons, Principal, William H. Brown Elementary

Michael Allen, Co-Founder & Chief Strategy Officer,
Together Chicago

WHB Auditorium

06:40 – 08:00 **TOPIC TRACKS**

TUTORING - 6:40-7:05 (25 min)

Hear from a group of our church partners discuss the importance of the 'Love Your School' Program and outcomes achieved.

Room 120

MENTORING - 7:10-7:35 (25 min)

Learn how we are empowering CPS teachers and students through in-school character development curriculum.

Room 125

ADULT SUPPORT - 7:40-8:05 (25 min)

Experience how effective social and emotional is through a live workshop. Join teachers, students and parents as they discuss the SEL framework.

Rooms 124, 122

08:10 – 08:30 **CLOSING REMARKS & NETWORKING**

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**LYDIA
MERCER**

EDUCATIONAL FANATIC

Lydia Mercer fights daily for education rather than “schooling,” and is actively working to create educational spaces that liberate the mind through culturally relevant pedagogy.

She is the Director of Secondary Support for the National Program Team, OneGoal, currently located in Chicago. Here, she is a learner first, and finds joy in excavating the brilliance of young people and educators. She serves through coaching OneGoal regions based on their vision of success, and most importantly, she helps people uncover their own bias to be their best selves for those they teach and influence.

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OUR STORY

Toward the end of 2016, as the level of gun violence in Chicago reached its highest levels in 20 years, a group of Chicago area business, faith, community, non – profit, civic and government leaders began to meet to explore the common question they asked themselves:

Is there more that can be done to address the root causes of the current level of violence we are experiencing?

As they studied the problems, they began to believe and see evidence that the shared conversations they were having were starting to bear fruit in various specific ways. They realized that though the challenges in Chicago are highly complex and have developed over decades, there are strategic actions that can be taken to create a “collective impact”.

Through these conversations, the desire to form a new non – profit organization grew, and Together Chicago was born. Together Chicago formally launched in the fall of 2017 and is now actively engaged in our five areas of focus – economic development, education, violence reduction, legal advocacy, and faith community mobilization.

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