



**Special Education Working Group  
Meeting #1 Summary  
March 22, 2016**

**Key Points of Discussion:**

- The group highlighted the importance of equity as a lens to discuss special education by sharing personal stories of how education has impacted their lives and the lives of loved ones.
- Guiding norms were established for how the group will work together.
- The group reviewed the governance structure of the Oakland Equity Pledge and the proposed guideline from the Steering Committee.
- The group discussed that understanding the current landscape would be the first step before identifying a particular area of focus. Additionally, there was recognition of the need to have more communication around what the group learned about the special education landscape in Oakland
- The group decided to select future meeting dates after the meeting.