



**Instructional Practice and SEL Working Group
Meeting #1 Summary
March 15, 2016**

Key Points of Discussion:

- The group highlighted the importance of equity as a lens to discuss instructional practice and SEL by sharing stories of how education has impacted their lives and the lives of those within their sphere of influence.
- Guiding norms were established for how the group will work together. An emphasis was placed on keeping students and families at the center of the work.
- The group reviewed the governance structure of the Oakland Equity Pledge and the guidelines for their topic area from the Steering Committee.
- After discussing a range of opportunities and related challenges, the group established preliminary consensus around two broad objectives requiring further exploration to share best practices across both charter and district schools: 1) building better systems to support school visits; and, 2) creating structured inquiry groups around specific topics.
- The group decided to select future meeting dates after the meeting.