

EDUCATION FIRST PARTY

THE VISION

“Every child born reaches her full potential for joy and productivity”

THE THREE KEYS

Safe Streets	Great Schools	Stable Homes
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THE SILENT, DAILY KATRINA



Zip Code Safety Gap	Schools Gap	Family Structure Gap
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- Some Zip Codes are war zones

-121 years after Plessy
63 years after Brown
schools are more separate and unequal than ever

-stable families are key to social mobility
-Education begins at home

EIGHT POINT PROGRAM

Communities	Schools	Homes
Zip Code Safety Gap Amendment End War on Drugs Act Political Campaign Pledge: to model the values that should be taught at homes and in schools: gratitude, kindness, courage, self-mastery.	Equal Schools Amendment National Civic Literacy curriculum West Point for Teachers; Annapolis for Statesmen Academic Idol Teaching Competition to promote interest in teaching and identify best practices.	Family Structure Inequality Act: Universal access to all reproductive services; rigorous sex and moral education program including abstinence; parental education, elimination of economic incentives for unready parenthood

To realize the vision of equal opportunity requires coordinated action on three fronts: the school, the home, and the community. Ignoring any front is a recipe for a disaster. This has been the pattern of the last half century. The first step forward is to end the denial.