

Educational **REDLINING** School Rating\$



The Impact on Neighborhoods

For the past year the Fair Housing committee of Heights Community Congress has been researching many of the School Rating systems that appear on national real estate websites and in television advertising. The effect these ratings can have on prospective buyers can foster a negative impact on the buyer's potential home selection and thus may unduly steer home buyers away from consideration of certain communities simply by featuring an arbitrary rating of neighborhood schools.

Come learn how these ratings are derived, what they really mean, and what Cleveland Heights-University Heights residents need to know about the inaccuracy of these ratings. Join with our guest speakers and other interested neighbors in assessing this latest practice that can have a major impact on fair housing, community diversity and the perceptions of potential home buyers.

Panel Discussion Speakers

Ralph Day is an historical researcher for Heights Community Congress. He recently completed a study comparing HCC housing audits over the past few years with the first real estate audits done in Cuyahoga County in the late 70's. He also has been researching the "GreatSchools" ratings as used by several real estate websites like Zillow.com.

Jan Resseger is a Cleveland Heights resident and frequently writes about education issues. She staffed advocacy and programming in support of public education justice for the United Church of Christ from 1998-2013. She frequently speaks as an advocate for schools that welcome all children and the public's role in attending to educational opportunity gaps.

Angee Shaker is Director of Communications and Community Engagement for CH-UH Schools. As a member of the district leadership team, Shaker is responsible for strategic communications, including media relations, internal communications, brand management, crisis communications, and web and social media.

Sandy Womack, Jr. is Director of Curriculum and Instruction for CH-UH Schools. Sandy has published several articles promoting African American culture and addressing issues related to poverty and community activism. Sandy also authored *the book Even the Best of Plans Go Astray* and *The Urban Educators Month by Month Guide to School Improvement*.

Friday, April 24, 2015 • 7:00 pm • Heights Library – 2345 Lee Road

FREE and open to the Public. Complimentary refreshments will be served beginning at 6:00 PM.

Reservations are appreciated by calling HCC at 216.321.6775 or by visiting: www.heightscongress.org.

Talk-Back discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Tameka Taylor of Compass Consulting Services.

