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PANEL ONE: Making the Case for Racially Integrated Education

Legally Viable Desegregation Strategies: The Case of Connecticut (revised title)

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Integrated Education and Mathematics Outcomes: A Synthesis of Social Science Research (revised title)

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School Racial Composition and Young Children’s Cognitive Development: Isolating Family, Neighborhood, and School Influences

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PANEL TWO: Finding Viable Legal Strategies for Racial Equity Post-PICS

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PANEL THREE: Evaluating Socioeconomic Based Student Assignment Plans

The Effects of Socioeconomic School Integration Policies on Racial School Desegregation

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“To Turn Back Would be a Huge Mistake”: Race, Class and Student Assignment in Wake County Public Schools

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PANEL FOUR: Building Political Will for Integrated Schools Post-PICS

Using Regional Coalitions to Reduce Socioeconomic Isolation: The Creation of the Nebraska Learning Community Agreement (revised title)

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The Double Consciousness of Adult Graduates of Southern Schools: The Meaning of Lives Lived from Massive Resistance to Desegregation and Back Again

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PANEL FIVE: Achieving Racial Equity through Strategic Public Policies

Rethinking Magnet School Policies and Practices: A Response to Declining Diversity & Judicial Constraints

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