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•Reaching & Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap •

Presenter: Paul Gorski, Ph.D

Audience: *Teams comprised of education leaders and general educators, including: superintendents, assistant superintendents, curriculum coordinators, principals, directors of special education, teachers, special educators, interventionists, coaches, counselors, etc.; as well as educators in higher education and community members representing organizations that work with children and youth across the state of VT.*

How would our equity efforts change if we worked toward a deeper understanding of the barriers and inequities with which students and families experiencing poverty contend? In this interactive and awareness-building workshop, we will explore these barriers and inequities, how they operate, and how we might perpetuate them unintentionally in our classrooms and schools.

Our goal is to see how, when we are not vigilant in our equity approach, school policies and practices favor the most economically privileged students while disadvantaging students whose families are experiencing poverty. We will discuss evidence-based strategies for effectively removing the barriers and, as a result, more effectively engaging and supporting students experiencing poverty. We will specifically focus on instructional, relational, and leadership strategies that have proven effective both in mixed-class and in high-poverty schools.

We will also examine the damaging impact of deficit perspectives about people experiencing poverty, and consider how to shift ourselves and our colleagues from these deficit views to equity-based views.

Paul Gorski is the founder of the Equity Literacy Institute and EdChange. He has 20 years of experience helping educators strengthen their equity efforts in classrooms, schools, and districts. Paul is the author of many books and articles, as well as of Multicultural Pavilion, an online compendium of free resources for teachers. He was a teacher educator at several universities for 15 years.

The VT-HEC Board has approved additional support for this offering from our Mission Investment Fund, enabling us to lower the cost of this special series to $35 each for the spring workshops.

Dates: **May 15, 2019**

Place: **Capitol Plaza ~ Montpelier, VT**

Cost: **$35 (lunch included)**

Time: **8:30-3:00**

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