

# WATKINS UPDATE



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"I most firmly believe that a good education is the great sine qua non as it regards the elevation of our people."  
Rev. William J. Watkins, Sr.

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### "Impact 3000" Fundraising Campaign Kicks-off Season of Giving



Do you remember that teacher you had back when you were in grade school? You know, the one that you liked the most. The one that connected with you like none of the others. The one that made class fun and exciting. You know, the one that seemed to take a special interest in your success and really showed they cared about you as a person. Everyone has had at least one teacher like that throughout their education. The Watkins Educational Institute's "Cultivating a Culturally Responsive Practice" teacher training program creates teacher's like that. Find out how to support our efforts to make every teacher a student's favorite teacher. ([Click here to continue](#))

### "Cultivating" Culturally Responsive Teachers at Southwest Academy



Through a generous donation to The William J. Watkins, Sr. Educational Institute, Inc. we have partnered with Southwest Academy Middle School in Baltimore County to provide seven teachers with our year long "Cultivating a Culturally Responsive Practice" teacher training. Our philosophy that the most important relationship as regards student success is that between the teacher and student. Principal Karen Barnes agrees with this philosophy and selected six of her most dedicated teachers to "cultivate" their practice. ([Click here to continue](#))

### "Teaching the 2015 Baltimore Uprising" Partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum



When the video of Freddie Gray's arrest went viral and the news of his death reverberated throughout the streets of Baltimore in late April of 2015 it was clear that before things got better, they were going to get worse. Community organizers and city officials struggled to stay on top of the growing discontent of the Black community and those who sympathized with their pain and suffering as the protest of Freddie Gray's death grew. When protests turned into violence and outrage things really became intense. With the swift action on the part of the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office in charging the officers involved in Freddie Gray's death and the violence subsiding, most of the nation returned to business as usual. But, for a generation of Baltimore City youth their lives have been impacted and changed forever by the 2015 "Baltimore Uprising." ([Click here to continue](#))

### Exciting News from Banner Schools in Chicago



In July of 2015 we visited Banner Academy in Chicago, Illinois for a site visit to observe how teachers were preparing to implement a new instructional model that The William J. Watkins, Sr. Educational Institute, Inc. is considering using in our Third Millennium Schools. The Inquiry Bridge model is an integrated approach that focuses on process, student strengths and needs. We were impressed by the dedication and commitment of the faculty and staff to "dig deep" in expanding their view of the instructional process. The Inquiry Bridge model uses a blended learning method in which students take ownership and responsibility for their learning. ([Click here to continue](#))

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