

**ERASE Racism, New York Appleseed, and the NYU Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools** are delighted to announce new positions for two rising stars in school-integration policy and practice: **Nyah Berg** and **Matt Gonzales**.

Ms. Berg will be joining New York Appleseed as director of the organization's integrated schools project. At ERASE Racism, based on Long Island, Ms. Berg worked under President Elaine Gross to foster racial equity and inclusion in schools through leadership development with students and professional development with educators. She also worked with both constituencies to further racial equity policy priorities. Ms. Berg joins Appleseed at a critical time in New York City's movement for school integration - when the city stands at a crossroads. As director of the Appleseed's work for integrated schools, Ms. Berg will build on the substantial legacy left by Mr. Gonzales and executive director David Tipson. Her task is nothing less than leading the city through the process of dismantling the policies of school segregation.

Mr. Gonzales will be joining the NYU Metro Center as founder and director of the Integration and Innovation Initiative (i3). At Appleseed, Mr. Gonzales provided essential leadership during a period of extraordinary growth and accomplishment for the New York City school-integration movement. During his tenure (and due in no small part to his leadership), the New York City Department of Education expanded its diversity-in-admissions pilot program to nearly a hundred schools, adopted a policy statement in support of school diversity, and approved integration plans for Community School Districts 1 and 15. Mr. Gonzales served as the policy coach for up-and-coming student leaders at IntegrateNYC and helped seed the citywide Alliance for School Integration & Desegregation. Mr. Gonzales also provided essential leadership on the mayor's School Diversity Advisory Group. At the NYU Metro Center, Mr. Gonzales will work with districts, schools, and communities in the United States and beyond to design and develop innovative and equitable solutions to educational segregation while continuing to support the advocacy community in New York City.

ERASE Racism, New York Appleseed, and NYU Metro Center are grateful for the contributions of these young leaders to school-integration policy and practice. We look forward to working alongside them in their new roles and in building more integrated school communities together.