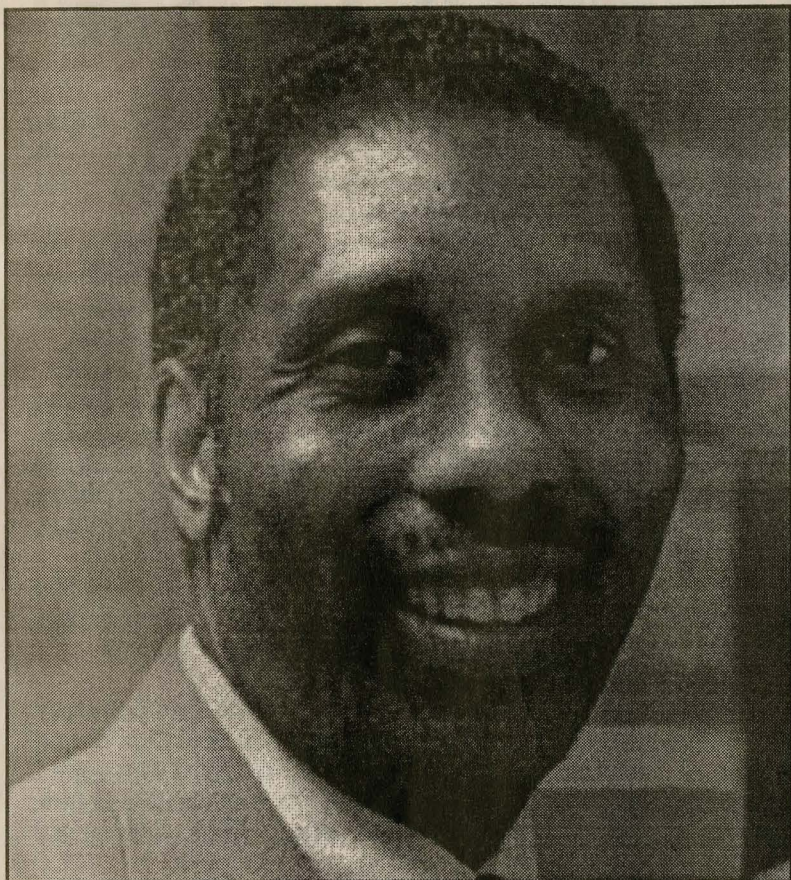


## Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu To Speak At Mount Zion This Thursday



**Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu**

Renowned educational consultant, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu will speak about "The Education Gap: A Critical Response to Poverty in America (The Ruby Payne Theory)" at Mount Zion Baptist Church of Seattle (19th & Madison) this Thurs., Jan. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Ruby Payne's "poverty theory" has become very popular with educators of low-income children of color. Her theory essentially concludes that for students who are not White and middle-class, it will be very difficult to reach full potential. In this presentation, Dr. Kunjufu will dissect and refute Payne's theory by demonstrating how the success of a child cannot be determined solely by race, income, family structure, or level of parental education. He will also highlight what successful schools are doing in low-income, high-risk neighborhoods. This presentation aims to educate the educators - and better equip them to teach children from impoverished communities.

Dr. Kunjufu has written dozens of books on the education of children of color, including 100+ Educational Strategies to Teach Children of Color, Black Students/Middle Class Teachers,

and Keeping Black Boys Out of Special Education. For more information, go to [www.africanamericanimages.com/AAI/](http://www.africanamericanimages.com/AAI/).

## King County To Hold Annual MLK Celebration This Thursday At The Paramount

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life breaking barriers, with the goal of making America a land where all people were judged by the "content of their character." King County and its employees once again invite everyone to help them honor the memory of Dr. King and celebrate his vision for what America could be at the county's 22nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration this Thurs., Jan 15 from 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre - 911 Pine Street in Seattle.

This year's event will be a

## MLK Youth Hip Hop Event This Friday At Garfield Community Center

There will be a FREE MLK Youth Hip Hop event this Fri., Jan. 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Garfield Community Center on 23rd and Cherry.

The event, which encourages youth involvement, will feature dance group Kutt'N'Up, a fashion show hosted by designers Heart on my Sleeve, as

celebration of men and women in this region whose life and work were shining examples of "Breaking Barriers."

Two King County employees will be honored for heeding Dr. King's call to service with the presentation of the Employee Humanitarian Awards. The celebration will also recognize young people from throughout King County whose essays have been selected to receive the 2009 Essay Award.

This event is free and open to the public.

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### Public Hearings Building Closure

In order to strengthen academic programs across Seattle Public Schools and protect its long-term financial health, the School District is now considering building closures. A preliminary recommendation was announced on November 25. On Dec. 15 and 16, public hearings were held at buildings proposed for closure as part of that recommendation. Due to inclement weather, the Dec. 18 hearing planned for Lowell was postponed. It has been rescheduled as noted below. In addition, a final public hearing, at which testimony is welcome on any of the buildings proposed for closure, is scheduled for January 22. On January 6, the Superintendent's final recommendation will be announced.

#### Building-Specific Hearing - Lowell Building

Tuesday, January 20, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Lowell - 1058 E. Mercer St. (rescheduled from December 18)  
Individuals who were scheduled to give public testimony on December 18 have first priority for the January 20 hearing. Others will be accepted on a space-available basis.

#### Final Public Hearing

Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
John Stanford Center - 2445 Third Ave. S.

Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. To sign up to give testimony, please call (206) 252-0042 or e-mail [hearing@seattleschools.org](mailto:hearing@seattleschools.org).

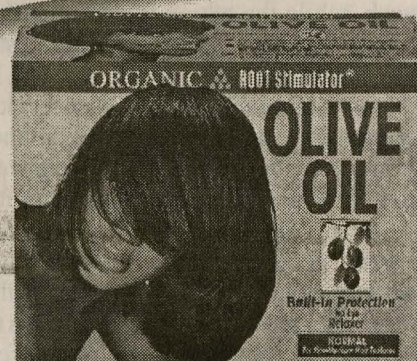
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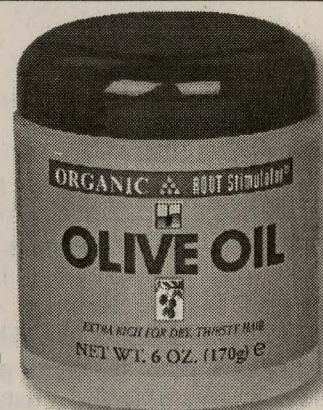
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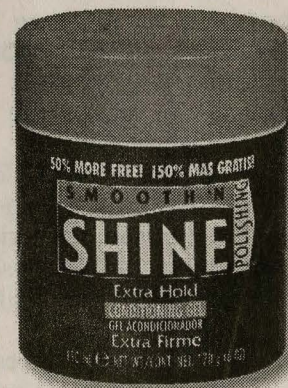
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## Achievement Gap Hearing To Be Held In Olympia On Jan. 19

On Martin Luther King Monday, the House of Representatives Education Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 19th in Olympia to hear findings and recommendations from five Achievement Gap study reports.

The Committee meets in Hearing Room A, John L. O'Brien Building in Olympia, right across from the Capitol Dome. The study addressing African American students will be presented at 6:40 p.m., immediately after a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a five-minute background briefing. Please recall that this achievement gap report was required under House Bill 2722, passed last session to address the needs of African American students.

In addition, report findings will be presented for Asian American, Pacific Islander American, Native American, and Hispanic/Latino American students, in that order. If you're tracking efforts to address the academic achievement gap affecting students of color, this is a critical hearing to attend.

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