

*Re Imagining  
Schooling for Boys  
and Young Men of  
Color: A Case for  
Setting Powerful  
Expectations*



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When you see a black boy or young man  
what comes to your mind?

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**"A Gift From God" – Fred Mathews**

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Nina Simone  
To Be Young, Gifted and Black

To be young, gifted and black,  
Oh what a lovely precious dream  
To be young, gifted and black,  
Open your heart to what I mean

In the whole world you know  
There are billion boys and girls  
Who are young, gifted and black,  
And that's a fact!

You are young, gifted and black  
We must begin to tell our young  
There's a world waiting for you  
This is a quest that's just begun

When you feel really low  
Yeah, there's a great truth you should know  
When you're young, gifted and black  
Your soul's intact

Young, gifted and black  
How I long to know the truth  
There are times when I look back  
And I am haunted by my youth

Oh but my joy of today  
Is that we can all be proud to say  
To be young, gifted and black  
Is where it's at

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“If you cannot see them, you cannot  
teach them well.”

*Parker Palmer*

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young men of color:

What does this statement mean to you?  
Where does it begin?  
How does it begin?

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In a Re Imagined learning settings Black  
Boys are given the essentials of  
Affirmative Development.

They are...

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Re Imagined Schooling takes in to account these 4 factors of success

A circular diagram divided into four quadrants, each containing a factor of success for reimagined schooling. The quadrants are: Top-Left: A strong sense of Identity; Top-Right: A desire to associate with a positive posse; Bottom-Left: Growing Confidence in ones ability to achieve; Bottom-Right: A willingness to be mentored.

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*“Once you learn to read,  
you will be forever free.”*

*- Frederick Douglass*

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