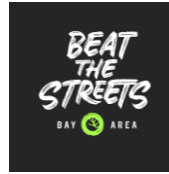


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Announcing a Virtual Panel Conversation on the Crisis in Youth Sports That is Accelerating Educational Inequities in K-12 Education on Wed Nov 18th at 12:00 PST



Beat the Streets Bay Area and Chicago


Youth development organizations focused on improving the lives of youth through wrestling and mentorship.

BTS Bay Area, BTS Chicago, BTS National and the CA RTC are pleased to announce: A *Virtual Conversation on the Crisis in Youth Sports That is Accelerating Educational Inequities in K-12 Education. Will Covid kill school based athletic programs and its implications to K-12 Education?*

Please join our esteemed panel to discuss how the defunding and decline of school based athletics is hurting youth in our most disadvantaged communities and impacting educational equity of K-12 education. This trend is being accelerated and magnified by the COVID-19 crisis and the rise of private club athletic programs and has been profiled in the NY Times Article: [“The Lack of Youth Sports is a Crisis”](#) Learn of the importance of the work that BTS programs are undertaking to address this issue.

Register to attend: [Click Here to Register](#)

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Kerry McCoy Moderator	Dr. Amanda Stanec Panelist	Michael Powell Panelist	James Harris Panelist	Sonjha Phillips Panelist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director & Head Coach of California Olympic Regional Training Center Two-time US Olympian 2008 Olympic Coach Two-time NCAA National Champion Former Stanford Head Wrestling Coach Wrestling Hall of Fame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renowned writer and speaker on positive youth development programs Founder of Move Live Learn Advisor and consultant to the International Olympic Committee, Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, NFL and Boys and Girls Clubs of America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director of Beat the Streets Chicago BTS National Board Member Coach of State Championship Oak Park High Wrestling Team for 19 Years 2015 Winner of National Wrestling Hall of Fame Medal of Courage Award Special Ed Teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former President of the Board of Trustees of OUSD Author of the OUSD Community of Schools and Distance Learning policies Co-chair of the Youth Ventures, Oakland Youth Ventures Former Teacher, Director of Aim High and Entrepreneur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Commissioner of Athletics of the Oakland Unified School District Assistant Commissioner of CA North Coast Section OUSD Regional Manager of Oakland and HS Athletic Programs in Oakland

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About Beat the Streets

Beat the Streets cultivates youth development in underserved communities by encouraging a desire for excellence, respect, teamwork, leadership, integrity, and perseverance through the instruction of quality wrestling programs and mentorship. BTS Bay Area is a partner of Oakland Unified School District and Aim High. To learn, more visit <https://www.btsbayarea.org/> and <https://www.btschicago.org/> and <https://beatthestreets.org/>

