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## **Border Crossers is now the Center for Racial Justice in Education**

**New York, NY:** Border Crossers is excited to announce our new name, the Center for Racial Justice in Education. Our new tagline is Dismantling Racism, Transforming Communities.

In 2001, Border Crossers was named and founded by Sachi Feris. From 2001 thru 2010, we worked directly with students, teaching them to "cross borders" with one another, to develop understandings that would help dismantle racism. But for nearly a decade, we have focused more intentionally on training educators to disrupt and dismantle racism in their classrooms, communities, and homes. We continue to believe in the power and potential of youth to advance racial justice, but we know that they cannot—nor should they—do it alone. Young people need educators capable of listening to, learning from, and partnering with them to advance racial justice and social change. And they need equitable learning environments where every child is respected, valued and safe—across race.

Since 2010, we have trained thousands of educators—from parents to teachers to coaches—to disrupt and dismantle racism wherever children learn, whether in a classroom, at the dinner table, or on a theater stage. More than helping youth cross borders to build understanding, we have gradually expanded our charge to bring about systemic change.

Today, we are calling on and supporting educators to confront the impact of race and racism on their own lives and the lives of the children in their care. Together, in partnership with a growing network of racial justice educators, we are creating equitable learning environments where all children can thrive.



**About the Center for Racial Justice in Education:** The Center for Racial Justice in Education's mission is to train and empower educators to dismantle patterns of racism and injustice in our schools and communities. At the Center for Racial Justice in Education, we envision a world where all young people learn and thrive in racially equitable, liberating, and empowering educational spaces. <a href="https://www.centerracialjustice.org">www.centerracialjustice.org</a>

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