



OPSBA's 2021 AGM and Keynote via Zoom

Saturday, June 12, 2021

9:00 – 10:00 am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kike Ojo-Thompson, founder and principal consultant of KOJO Institute

SESSION TITLE: Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Education: A Conversation for System Leaders

DESCRIPTION:

Anti-Black racism has been identified by many (academics, researchers, media, education advocates and the provincial government) as a reality within our education system in Ontario. System leaders have a particular role to play in the work to eliminate anti-Black racism in our schools. In this keynote, Kike Ojo-Thompson of the KOJO Institute will lead us through a critical conversation to unpack the following: What is anti-Black racism? Why is it relevant to our work? How is it operating within our school boards? How might we be implicated? What are the processes and mechanisms that will enable the elimination of anti-Black racism in school boards in Ontario?

BIO:

Kike Ojo-Thompson is renowned as one of Canada's foremost experts and thought leaders on equity, diversity, and inclusion. As the founder and principal consultant of KOJO Institute, she has guided public and private organizations alike towards more equitable cultures and outcomes with her signature balance of tact and honesty. Amongst Ojo-Thompson's notable clients are Canada's largest school board, the nation's biggest grocery retailer, and public health organizations on both sides of the Canada-US border. Prior to leading KOJO Institute full time, Ojo-Thompson was the project lead for One Vision One Voice, a first-of-its-kind initiative addressing anti-Black racism in the child welfare system, and the senior facilitator for Ontario's carding review. Ojo-Thompson has lent her voice to provincial and national media platforms, including TVO, the Globe & Mail, CBC, the Toronto Star, and the Social TV. Her meaningful contributions to equity in Canada have been recognized by Women's Health in Women's Hands (2019); 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women (2018); and Robert Small's 25th anniversary Legacy Poster (2019).

