



## Indy K12's Top Ten of 2020 – Part I

By Educator Barnes – December 20, 2020

Let's take a look back at Indy K12's most popular pieces of 2020.

10. [If You Want to Keep Educators Like Me, You Need to Think Beyond Your Diversity Quota](#)  
by Educator Barnes

Educator Barnes shared her experience of being called an affirmative action hire by a colleague where she ended up with a consequence. This piece focuses on the need for school leaders to address issues in their school as they are diversifying their staff.

9. What if School Doesn't Reopen? by David McGuire?

Before the 2019-2020 school year ended, David McGuire pondered what educators should consider if school buildings did not reopen. These considerations are still relevant for the 2020-21 school year.

8. Teachers are Still Getting Paid, so They Should Still be Working Hard by Andrew Pillow

In a piece that struck a nerve with some readers, Andrew Pillow declared that teachers should work hard during the pandemic. He mentioned the fight for greater teacher compensation and the fact that many people are unemployed as reasons for teachers to take their jobs seriously.

7. Pretending to be Black like Jessica Krug is Nothing New: Non-Black Teachers Stop Doing This in Your Classroom by Educator Barnes

Educator Barnes addressed the behavior of non-Black people pretending to be Black and how this behavior shows up in K-12. "Black educators and Black students do not need non-Black educators slipping into moments where they pretend to be Black or parrot what they think Blackness is. That's not how you act to connect to Black people or learn about their culture."

6. Let's Get Real: When Schools Reopen, We Will Not Return to Normal by Educator Barnes

Educator Barnes explored the reality that the 2020-21 school year will not be normal. The COVID-19 social distancing guidance, teacher retention, and budget concerns were a few of the issues addressed.

Stayed tuned: The rest of the list will be posted later this week!