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Drake University

Olmsted Center
Parents Hall South
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Des Moines, Iowa

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Today, America is experiencing one of the largest demographic shifts in the country's history. As a result, the U.S. Department of Education recently projected that students of color will comprise a majority of the country's public school K-12 students this school year.

Even heartland communities like Des Moines, Iowa, are experiencing unprecedented diversification, particularly among younger demographics. While whites still comprise 70 percent of the Des Moines' population, 53 percent of the students within the city's public schools are children of color. These changing immigration patterns are creating both opportunities and challenges for school systems across America.

Join *National Journal* in Des Moines, Iowa, for a town hall as we convene local opinion leaders for a robust discussion about the effect that the country's deepening diversity is having on education systems around the country. We will explore questions such as: What factors have driven Des Moines' racial and ethnic population change? How do Des Moines' schools best provide for all of the city's students? And nationally, what effect is the country's immigrant-driven demographic change having on the American education system?

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