

Too few Latino teachers leaves a void in Kansas schools

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SUMMARY

One in five of public school students in Kansas are Hispanic, according to the Kansas State Department of Education. But only about 2.5% of the educators in the agency's teacher licensure database during the 2019-20 school year identified as Hispanic or Latino. Educators have long understood that Black and brown students are more likely to succeed in school if they have adult role models who look like them in the classrooms. Districts in the Kansas City area and beyond are trying to address the challenge but getting more Latino teachers into classrooms is going to require hard, sustained work.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. *What factors do you see contributing to Latino teachers being underrepresented in Kansas classrooms?*
2. *Which of those factors are ones that could be addressed through the exercise of leadership?*
3. *What tough interpretations might need to be considered for Kansas school districts to hire and keep Latino educators?*

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