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## Ford to Host Zoom Panel Discussion on Efforts to Rewrite History Curriculum, Backed by Actress LisaRaye McCoy

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, will join WE WILL Board Member Meleika Gardner and others for an online panel discussion Saturday morning on updating the state’s history curriculum so that it more accurately and appropriately reflects the diversity of Illinois residents.

“We should look to abolish our current history curriculum that fails to teach our children our shared history on a level playing field,” Ford said. “We need to overhaul our curriculum so that it discusses the important contributions from all of the diverse communities in our state. Too many groups have been marginalized for decades, and this has shaped the world view of generations. There is an opportunity to deliver positive change, let’s be a leader here in Illinois.”

Ford’s efforts are supported by actress and Chicago native LisaRaye McCoy.

“I’m so glad to be a part of a change that’ll help our youth and U.S. to receive the proper historical knowledge to strengthen our minds and condition our ability to continue to add to OUR HISTORY in OUR WORLD in a positive way,” McCoy said. “When you know better we do better and our ancestors have done some amazing things to share.”

“When a young Black boy and girl, Native American, LatinX, or little girls period, start learning American History in school, they are fed that White men are the heroes and leaders that built America,” Gardner said. “They do not see much representation of themselves in reading materials that they built America and made major contributions. The miseducation must stop.”

To join the Zoom meeting, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82777683381>. The meeting ID is 827 7768 3381. The dial-in number is 1-312-626-6799. The call will also be streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/EvanstonLiveTV>.

For more information, please contact RepFord@LaShawnFord.com.

<p>Who: State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, WE WILL Board Member Meleika Gardner What: Zoom panel discussion on rewriting history curriculum When: Saturday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.</p>
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