Public education is facing serious threats that are already having devastating impact on many low-income communities and communities of color. The education justice movement has responded with the creation of new alliances, bolder demands, and new and creative strategies. This moment of crisis has led to a moment of opportunity to collectively shift the landscape of public education so that it truly and equitably serves all children.

The Education Justice Research and Organizing Collaborative (EJ-ROC), housed at the NYU Metro Center brings together researchers, data and policy analysts, and community organizers to provide critical research, data, policy and strategic support for the education justice movement. EJ-ROC builds on a long tradition of movement-driven, participatory community research and adds an explicit racial justice lens in its two main areas of work:

1. **Rapid-Response Research**
   + On-demand research and data analysis, policy briefs, fact checks, fact sheets and infographics, generated within the fast-moving timeline of organizing campaigns
   + Original research driven by parent, youth and community concerns and insights, and tied directly to grassroots organizing campaigns

2. **Strategic Assistance**
   + Technical support for education organizing groups to employ campaign strategies and leadership development that both strengthen the engagement of their members and help win research-based education policies
   + Training and support for building and sustaining coalitions between organized parents, youth, teachers and other education stakeholders

EJ-ROC aims to democratize education data, research and policy, maximize the synergy between research and community organizing, magnify the voices of grassroots communities of color, and advance the capacity of organizing efforts to design solutions, make demands, and sustain policy wins.

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