

# 5 MYTHS ABOUT TEACHER DIVERSITY

from

"Hu(e)man Capital: The Need for More Teachers of Color in North Carolina"

**MYTH**

It will cost too much money to focus on teacher diversity.

**FACT**

Given North Carolina's current demographics and the significant impact that teachers of color have on students, it would be devastating to the state's economic, social, and civic health to neglect the need for more teachers of color. A well-prepared, experienced, and diverse teaching workforce will pay dividends beyond measure. Ignoring the need for a more diverse teaching workforce will cost us much more than we can afford.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Our ability to prosper as a state depends on our investment in the people who will lead us into the future.