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University Park, IL, January 20, 2009 – One of the most frequently discussed problems facing educators is the achievement gap that exists between communities, schools within a district, and even students within a school. The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education at Governors State University is providing an opportunity for educators and community leaders to analyze this issue with the assistance of noted educator, Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings.

Ladson-Billings is a professor of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her investigations into Critical Race Theory have led her to question whether the current achievement gap is actually an education debt.

The day-long seminar led by Ladson-Billings, "What it Takes to Successfully Lead a Diverse School Community," will be held on Monday, February 9, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Governors State University. The seminar begins with a presentation and question and answer period, followed by problem-solving activities involving all participants.

"We are pleased to address such an important issue with the guidance and input of Dr. Ladson-Billings," said Alicia McCray, Director of MILE. "Our responses to these questions will influence how our children learn. Their future success is based on how educators respond to these concerns."

This event is presented in partnership with the Midwest Principals' Center Inc. There is no charge for representatives from MILE affiliated school districts.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois. For more information or to register, call (708) 534-4024 or visit www.gsu-mile.org.