

**African American Student Achievement and Success in Springfield
MINUTES
October 27, 2005**

The meeting of the African American Student Achievement and success study group began at 10:30 a.m. with welcome and introductions facilitated by Sheila Stocks-Smith.

The group continued sharing summary reports on assigned research articles with presentations made by Debbie Ratz, Frank Kopecky and Jennifer Herring.

Sheila provided a preliminary list of major study topics, and an outline of project timeline suggestions for future discussion and approval.

The remainder of the meeting was an interactive on-line research demonstration led by Jennifer Ross, Illinois Business Roundtable. Ms. Ross highlighted information available on three sites: Just for the Kids website: www.just4kids.org; School Data 4 All: www.schooldata4all.org; and, Illinois Interactive Report Card: <http://iirc.niu.edu>.

Nikki Baker indicated that links for all three featured websites and the power point materials presented by Dr. Herring will be available on the Springfield Urban League website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 17, 2005, 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Urban League's Administrative Office at 100 North 11th Street.

Sheila Stocks-Smith thanked participants for attending the study group session and adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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