



Stockton Guaranteed Income Pilot Creates Evidence-Based Curriculum Site

Content offers essential knowledge about poverty in America and how GI works to resolve it

Stockton, CALIF - October 9, 2020 - [Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration](#) (SEED), the nation's first mayor-led guaranteed income initiative, has assembled a free curriculum based on the key learnings of the first mayor-led guaranteed income demonstration in the U.S., for educators who want to teach about the topic in classrooms around the world.

SEED's curriculum offers primers about guaranteed income, poverty, and the demonstration itself, as well as interactive activities for groups. Created in partnership with SEED summer fellows, Catherine Zhang at Yale University and Aparna Jayashankar at the University of Chicago, the content has been academically vetted, is evidence-based and data-centric.

Among the massive challenges U.S. schools face in 2020 due to coronavirus, President Trump has threatened to defund those that actively teach anti-racism, instead calling for a more patriotic education. Some states including SEED's home state of California have elected to create their own anti-racism lessons and training in response.

"There's nothing patriotic about poverty in the wealthiest country in the world," said Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, founder of SEED and Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, a national coalition. "Guaranteed income doesn't threaten the foundation America is built on, instead it strengthens it by addressing longstanding and systemic inequities that do not represent our values as a nation."

The curriculum site is available on the SEED [website](#). Interested parties are free to use the content and if interested may sign up to become a SEED educator via the form on the home page. The team will deliver research updates and engagement opportunities throughout the culmination of the project in 2021.

About SEED

The Stockton Economic Empowerment Demonstration (SEED) is the nation's first mayor-led guaranteed income initiative. A collaboration between the office of Mayor Michael Tubbs, the Reinvent Stockton Foundation, the Economic Security Project, and the residents of Stockton, California. SEED is born out of the simple belief that the best investments we can make are in our people. In February 2019, SEED began giving 125 Stocktonians a guaranteed income of

\$500/month for 18 months. This income is unconditional, meaning there are no strings attached and no work requirements.

SEED research is led by Dr. Stacia Martin-West, University of Tennessee, and Dr. Amy Castro-Baker, University of Pennsylvania, with funding by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The goal of the SEED research is to determine if guaranteed income can reduce stress and thereby unleash potential and opportunity.

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