Issues related to student equity impact your practice as an educator.

Education has the power to shape a child's future. The quality of education that a student receives influences the quality of life experienced later in life. An equitable education system can help students develop the knowledge and skills they need to be engaged and eventually become happy, productive members of our world. It is crucial for educators to help students overcome the obstacles students face and ensure that they are able to succeed both in school, and later in life.

In my last position the major differences that were present in the district were financial, gender equity, and racial. The students themselves, empowered by the adults, helped to shape the way in which these differences were dealt with. Classroom conversations increased awareness and made it possible to address concerns. Knowing that there is/was more than one way to handle situations, as well understanding that one way might work one time and not necessarily another, contributed to additional problem solving and solutions.

 The biggest takeaway for students, that became a driving force, was the understanding that creating labels, placing people in categories, was something that fostered divisions and did not promote unity. Students were able to utilize this in everyday situations, as well as apply to many of the topics they learned about.

"We are each an experiment of one. A unique, never-to-be repeated event."
~George Sheehan