Education

- Pursue a combination of both strategies:
  - Better access to high-performing schools (boost access to housing by good schools)
  - Improve underperforming schools
- Improve the physical environment – walking route to school
- Baltimore City’s INSPIRE program seeks to improve neighborhoods around new & renovated schools in 21st Century Schools program.
- Persistent achievement gap along with increasing school segregation => Can separate ever be equal or adequate?
- Education data: Are we okay with segregation? No local or regional efforts focusing on increasing school integration.
- Examples in other metro areas (both state-funded):
  - Boston MetCo program begun in 1966 helps students in certain cities attend schools in other districts.
  - Hartford magnet school program – more than ½ of Hartford city students go to an integrated school.
- Howard County now has Source of Income as protected class:
  - Thought this would work for mobility, but landlords get around the law through income & credit requirements.
  - Need statewide & need to be smart around implementation & writing the legislation.
- Cultural factors in housing mobility
  - People can experience cultural isolation/segregation in new neighborhoods
  - Sometimes no social, family, church ties in new neighborhoods
- Success:
  - Generally text scores used as data to show improvement
  - How to define success/good schools? Less segregated?
  - “Bad” schools
    - Generally low test scores and violence (although what do we mean by violence?)
    - How to delink from poverty?
  - State funding formula is a key factor
  - What link to proficient?
  - Take cures for success from the educators
  - What are the local decisions that impact our outcomes?
- How racism plays into this: differential treatment of kids, schools, intensity of response.
- Work in concert with school boards & politicians to build political will to integrate (example of Realtor pressure on Howard Co. redistricting proposal)
- Revitalization as part of school quality:
  - Define what makes a school excellent
  - And then look at how funds for revitalization impact that
• Kirwan Commission is not addressing segregation directly.

• Barriers:
  o Silos within jurisdictions & within school districts
  o Not maximizing opportunities to integrate (e.g. Perkins redevelopment) or housing around new schools.

• AI possibilities:
  o Could bring more people together
  o Public spaces in revitalization funded through CDBG
  o INSPIRE Plans – need implementation funding

Health

• City Health Department initiative on maternal & child health: Bmore for Healthy Babies
  o Has achieved 31% reduction in infant mortality since 2009 and narrowed white/black disparity in infant mortality by nearly 40%, but...
  o Quality of housing has a huge impact on health
    ▪ Vacant/unstable housing is associated with health problems.
    ▪ Health Dept. wrote a paper => recommendations for housing
    ▪ Housing needs to be at the table
  o Upton/Druid Heights:
    ▪ Has highest life expectancy disparity with Roland Park
    ▪ High infant mortality is major contributor to lower overall life expectancy
    ▪ People working together across silos has resulted in zero infant deaths over four years.

• Bon Secours:
  o Has found blood pressure spikes walking past a vacant house
  o Being able to walk safely in neighborhoods means more exercise and better health – better sidewalks, etc. helps.

• Higher commute times means more problems with social determinants of health.

• Urban farms help health

• Need both place-based (improving struggling places) and housing mobility (helping people move to healthier communities) strategies.

• Zoning – another critical factor; decides:
  o Where sources of pollution can locate
  o Where stores that sell alcohol and cigarettes can locate – how close to schools
  o Where supermarkets with healthy food can locate

• Asphalt contributes to heat island effect.

• Need both long-term & short-term solutions:
  o Long-term: Housing remediation & addressing social determinants of health
  o Short-term: Helping someone move to a healthier place through housing mobility programs.

• Ohio:
  o Problem with high infant mortality
  o State Housing Finance Agency gave $1 million to health payer consortium to help with housing solutions.