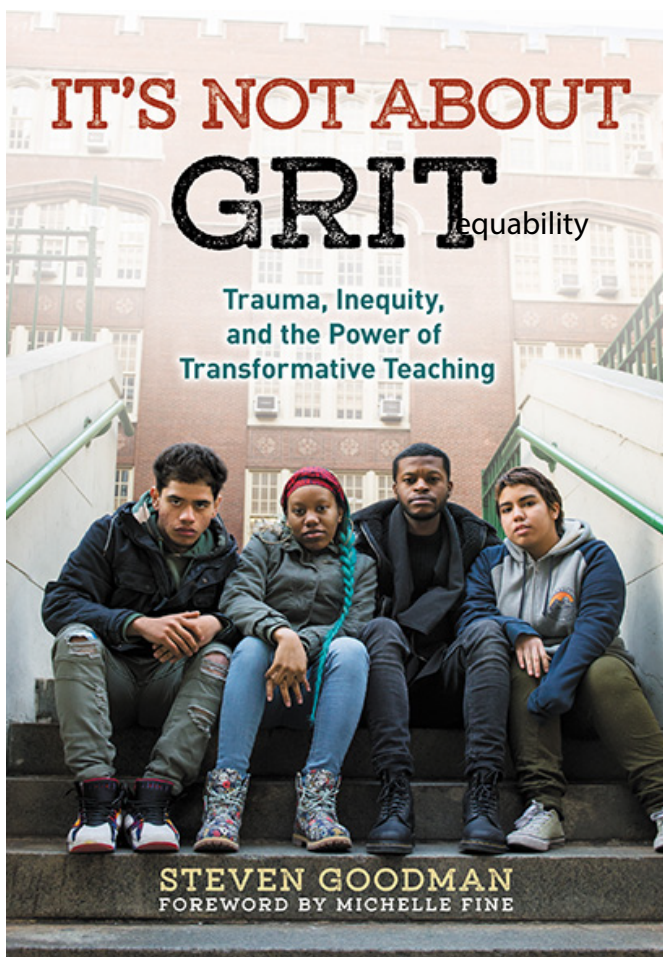


# EQUABILITY AWARENESS

## TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING

In his book, **It's Not about Grit: Trauma, Inequality, and the Power of Transformative Teacher**, Goodman suggests that teachers need to better job teaching to the whole student instead of the viewing them as only students in the classroom. He provides a background about the issues and includes pertinent research while outlining how to practice transformative and culturally sustaining pedagogy.



Transformative teaching means bringing an understanding of the whole student into the classroom including both their school and out-of-school community experiences, and the systemic interconnections between housing, health, and education that shape them.

Sometimes, this means not promoting grit as a way to achieve high academic standards but teachers should instead be fighting for systemic changes in:

- Health and housing
- Police and juvenile justice
- Immigration
- Gender and identity
- Foster care
- Child welfare

**Goodman encourages all teachers to find compassion for students by being perceptive to the issues which impact their abilities to excel in school.**

