Towards a geography of justice: Rural sustainability and the promise of public education

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Rural schools define and sustain rural communities.
• economies

• social fabric

• culture

• political power
WE. Love school. OKOLONA. But now it is gone.
The urgency of *this* moment
Non-metropolitan population growth 2000-2010

white
black
Hispanic
Native, Asian or API, multi-racial

2 More Black Churches Burn, This Time in Rural Mississippi, and Investigators Flood In

Sources: The Atlantic, The New York Times
Rural poverty rates

- White: 14.2
- Hispanic: 25.9
- Black: 33.8
- Native American: 32.4

But it doesn’t have to be this way.
Delight senior-day countdown
What can we do?
1) Lead for equity.

2) Organize to advocate for spatially equitable policies.