

## INITIATIVES FOR DEVELOPING EQUITY AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR STUDENTS

## INVITATION TO AFFINITY GROUP FOR WHITE EDUCATORS

The White Ally Group, facilitated by JoAnne Kazis and Karen Thomsen, provides an opportunity for white educators dedicated to equity and anti-racist school practices to support each other in being effective allies to our colleagues and students of color.

There will be time for self-reflection, sharing of school experiences and resources, collaborating on culturally responsive practices, and discussing institutional policies and practices and how they impact equity in our schools.

We will meet on October 20, November 17, January 12, March 9, April 6 and May 11 from 4-5:30 pm. The first meeting will be at the Memorial-Spaulding School (library) 250 Brookline Street in Newton. Subsequent meetings will rotate among member schools. You many attend as many meetings as your schedule permits. 1.5 Contact hours will be awarded for each meeting.

The White Ally Group is open to educators from all IDEAS member districts. Please respond to <a href="mailto:kazisj@newton.k12.ma.us">kazisj@newton.k12.ma.us</a> and <a href="mailto:kthomsen@edcollab.org">kthomsen@edcollab.org</a> if you would like to attend the first meeting or if you are unable to attend but would like to be on our mailing list.

We look forward to meeting you!