Initiatives for Developing Equity and Achievement for Students

INVITATION TO AFFINITY GROUP FOR EDUCATORS OF COLOR

Claudia A. Fox Tree facilitates MAALANA, which is entering its tenth year of monthly school year gatherings. It is a space for educators of color to network, support each other, brainstorm about school-related issues of social justice, and share culturally responsive teaching practices. MAALANA also provides an opportunity to share each other's company and enjoy light refreshments.

(MAALANA) educators are Multiracial, Asian, Arab, African Descent, Latino/a, and/or Native American teachers, advisors, counselors, administrators, staff, and tutors who are the "only" or "one of few" of their "affinity group" in their building or school system. We see all interactions as "cross cultural communications" and like to meet with other educators of color to talk about students of color.

MAALANA is an affinity group designed to provide opportunities for educators of color from various communities in Massachusetts to share school experiences regarding race, culture, ethnicity, and systemic social change that creates educational equity. Strategies for addressing the academic achievement of children from diverse cultures, preparing all students to successfully navigate a culturally diverse society, and collaboration techniques among colleagues are reviewed and discussed.

Topics are highlighted and resources shared in a monthly electronic summary. Articles and links are selected for relevance to discussions and current issues of social justice. They may be informational, include statistics, list books, link to websites/videos, and/or highlight under-represented voices.

MAALANA is sponsored by IDEAS (Initiatives for Developing Equity and Achievement for Students) through EDCO (Educational Collaborative located in Bedford, MA). We gather at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Waltham, located off Route 128 at the Winter Street exit just before the road loops around to Costco.

Please "pencil in" our 8 Gathering Dates for 2016-2017 School Year (Friday, unless otherwise noted from 3:30-5:30): DATES: 9/9, 10/7, 11/18, Skip December, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/12 (Bring an Ally – Details to come), 6/8 (Potential Make-Up Day). There is an extra day "built in" in case we have snow or something that causes a canceled date.

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2 P.D.P's will be awarded per meeting.

If you wish to receive these reminders, announcements, and summaries, please email cfoxtree@gmail.com and request to JOIN the email list!
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