Initiatives for Developing Equity and Achievement for Students

INVITATION TO AFFINITY GROUP FOR EDUCATORS OF COLOR

Claudia A. Fox Tree facilitates monthly MAALANA meetings which were initiated during the 2006-2007 school year. It is a space for educators of color to network, support each other, and brainstorm about school- related issues of social justice. 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, consultants, tutors, and retired educators who are the "only" or "one of few" of their racial/ethnic "affinity group" in their building or school system. We strive to build a safe community among educators of color to discuss cross cultural challenges in predominantly white school districts.

MAALANA is an affinity group designed to provide opportunities for educators of color from various communities in Massachusetts to share school experiences regarding topics, such as: race, culture, ethnicity, power/ privilege, culturally responsive teaching practices, and systemic social change to create 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).

DATES: Please "pencil in" our 8 Gathering Dates for 2018-2019 School Year (Fridays, unless otherwise noted from 3:30-5:30): 9/14, 10/12, 11/2, Skip Dec., 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, and 5/10 (Bring White Ally), with 6/7 a potential Make-Up Day in case we have snow or something that causes a canceled date. We meet in the Embassy Suites Hotel in Waltham in an alcove which is a U-turn from the entrance behind a dividing wall. Please ask a waiter/waitress where we are, if you don't see us. The Embassy Suites is located off Route 128 at the Winter Street exit just before the road loops around to Costco.

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2 P.D.P.'s will be awarded per meeting. Please RSVP cfoxtree@gmail.com if you are attending.

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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