

April 19, 2021

Thomas Nanninga

VIA EMAIL - tning70@yahoo.com

Re: FOIA request dated & received 4/13/21

Subject: All emails of school officials/school board members and other documents related to the discovery or inclusion of Critical Race Theory in the curriculum of the students of any grade in the district and/or in the training of any school district teacher. Clarification 4/14/21: School Official defined as School and School District Administrators (Superintendent, Principals and other administrators responsible for curriculum) and time period 1/1/21-4/14/21.

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your April 13, 2021 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. The information regarding your request is attached.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this responsive document will be posted online on the district's website. To access it, go to www.sd308.org and select Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses > FOIA Requests Responses -2021 > then select FOIA ID #21-23.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

Carrie Szambelan

Carrie Szambelan Freedom of Information Officer SUBJECT: Commit to (Re)commit: Making Equity Work Personal

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Even as we begin a new year, we continue to live through unprecedented times, and NCTE provides you with resources to help students of any age tell their own powerful stories about what is happening in their lives and their world. Check out the titles below, then explore the many resources available in the 2020 NCTE Fall/Winter Catalog.



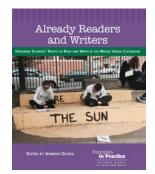
In the Pursuit of Justice: Students' Rights to Read and Write in Elementary School

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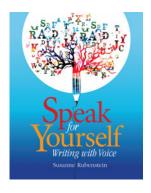


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I am a resident of Oswego and just learned of this mandate to incorporate left-leaning standards into Illinois public schools. The adoption of this proposal would make Illinois schools the most radical In the country (yes, even more so than California and Minnesota). The progressive political issues of Critical Race Theory, the 1619 project, BLM, and identity politics would be mandated standards. As members of the board, have you considered if this agenda is embraced by residents of SD 308? Many of my neighbors and myself feel this is overreach by the state into local school districts and the communities they support. Why should more conservative areas of the state have Chicago ideology imposed upon us?

I can see the adoption of this amendment resulting in dedicated teachers leaving public education and families moving out of state to avoid this indoctrination. I would encourage you to voice your objection to this amendment to our state legislators and ISBE by February 16, which is when a vote will take place.

Thank you for your service to SD 308.

SUBJECT: Commit to (Re)commit: Making Equity Work Personal

FROM: Midwest & Plains Equity Assistance Center < glec@iupui.edu>

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(Re)Commitment is a Daily Process

The need for educators newly engaged in the pursuit of equity to commit themselves to the work is evident. Commitment is a necessary part of developing a foundational awareness and understanding of equity. Such understandings are central to reflecting upon normative school and classroom practices that may result in inequities for marginalized students, or the ability to critically consider personal bias (Kohli et al., 2019). Less discernable, however, is the need for individuals long engaged in educational equity efforts to continually re-focus on their passion, and (re)commit themselves to ensuring equitable opportunities to learn for all students (Leea & Turner, 2017). [Read More]



Why It Matters (Re)Committment Disrupts Complicity

Without a continual (re)commitment to equity and justice, even the most equitycentered educators can become complicit (Theoharis, 2007). Educators' commitment to keeping equity at the forefront ensures they are avoiding "patterns of thinking and behavior that trap the possibilities for creating equitable schools" (McKenzie & Scheurich, 2004, p. 603, as cited in Radd, 2019). To avoid said traps and (re)commit to equity, we ask educators to recognize the ways in which the educational system has potential to propel them back into being complicit. [Read More]



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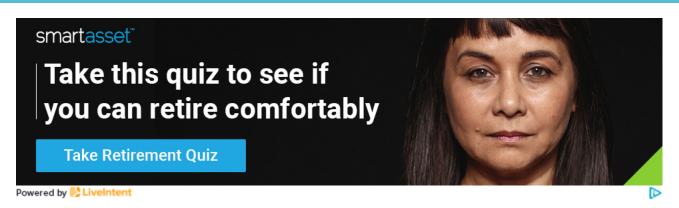
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Another Day, Another CDC Guideline



The word "pivot" has become a staple in the education vernacular this past year. Schools have pivoted to remote learning, then to hybrid learning, then to face-to-face and back again as COVID cases ebb and flow in classrooms across the country.

A lack of clear, consistent guidelines make this even more challenging. The "guidelines" vary not just from state to state, but often from district to district, even building to building. Trying to provide the professional development required to support all of this ping ponging has become a bit of a whack-a-mole effort.

The CDC has also done plenty of pivoting as they continue to update their safety research. Just last week, the CDC changed their recommendations from 6-foot to 3-foot desk distancing -- welcome news given the infrastructure challenges in many older school buildings. Wednesday's National Safe School Reopening Summit dug into this research as they opened the virtual floor for feedback from students, families, and educators, as well as experts from the CDC and the Department of Education. A Tech & Learning advisor poll revealed that safe classroom practices are their primary re-opening concern.

In a <u>recent article</u> by Eileen Belastick, Director of Technology and Information at Nauset Public Schools, the school district leaders who were interviewed are embracing the silver linings of this challenging year. Bill Runey, a principal at <u>Attleboro Public Schools</u> notes, "Everyone is more aware of being safer in general; family connections have strengthened, and learning is personalized and tailored to students' interests and needs."

As schools await the next guidance from CDC and state officials, one thing is clear: this year has taught us to all but a little kinder to each other.

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 National Public Radio (3/25)
- D.C. Summer Jobs Program Will Pay Teens to Take Classes as City Combats Learning Loss

The 74 (3/25)

- An 'Always Working' Osceola Computer Science Instructor Named County's Top Teacher
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- Opinion: Here's How to Make Sure Low-Income High School Graduates Don't Put Off
 College Indefinitely

The Hechinger Report (3/25)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Another Day, Another CDC Guideline



The word "pivot" has become a staple in the education vernacular this past year. Schools have pivoted to remote learning, then to hybrid learning, then to face-to-face and back again as COVID cases ebb and flow in classrooms across the country.

A lack of clear, consistent guidelines make this even more challenging. The "guidelines" vary not just from state to state, but often from district to district, even building to building. Trying to provide the professional development required to support all of this ping ponging has become a bit of a whack-a-mole effort.

The CDC has also done plenty of pivoting as they continue to update their safety research. Just last week, the CDC changed their recommendations from 6-foot to 3-foot desk distancing -- welcome news given the infrastructure challenges in many older school buildings. Wednesday's National Safe School Reopening Summit dug into this research as they opened the virtual floor for feedback from students, families, and educators, as well as experts from the CDC and the Department of Education. A Tech & Learning advisor poll revealed that safe classroom practices are their primary re-opening concern.

In a <u>recent article</u> by Eileen Belastick, Director of Technology and Information at Nauset Public Schools, the school district leaders who were interviewed are embracing the silver linings of this challenging year. Bill Runey, a principal at <u>Attleboro Public Schools</u> notes, "Everyone is more aware of being safer in general; family connections have strengthened, and learning is personalized and tailored to students' interests and needs."

As schools await the next guidance from CDC and state officials, one thing is clear: this year has taught us to all but a little kinder to each other.

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DEI Update.pdf"

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Good evening, Attached are the presentations from District 86 and District 203. Thank you to Kelly, Robin, and Rakeda for sharing your journey with us and for inspiring us to continue to champion this work. At our next meeting on March 18th we will hear from Dr. Rocio del Castillo from Huntley and have either a presentation on the new Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards -- https://www.isbe.net/Documents/23-24RG-P.pdf, or focus our time on the facilitation of student panels. Stay tuned for more details.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful week and the courage and wisdom to navigate this unprecedented time. Take care of yourselves, your students and colleagues need you.

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In my experience, the equity problem usually is not that a school hasn't found the right strategy or initiative to "close" a disparity, but that leaders have skipped the step of deeply understanding why the disparity exists, guaranteeing our inability to eliminate it." - Paul Gorski

DEI: Key Steps

- Review data
- Listening tour: Internal and External
- Identify priority areas
- Create network/support system
- Affirm equity commitments



Priority Areas

1. Examine Systemic Inequities

Examine our current policies and practices to identify and eliminate institutional biases and norms through systemic, ongoing, and authentic work.

3. DEI Trainings & Resources

Offer trainings to deepen the work of personal growth toward cultural competence and understanding implicit racial bias for teachers, certified staff, and educational leaders.

2. Curriculum Review

Build education leaders' and teachers' capacity to make equity-focused curricular decisions and to utilize culturally responsive and sustaining instructional practices.



4. Recruit, Hire, & Retain a Diverse Workforce

Increase the representation of our workforce through innovative recruitment and pipeline building strategies as well as train hiring managers including school building leaders on culturally responsive hiring practices.

DEI Trainings & Resources

Staff

- Deep Equity
- MAP Center:
 Equity-centered
 curriculum
- Implicit bias
- Anti-racism resources
- DEI course for staff
- Equity conference
- Experiences of Black students in D203
- Supporting undocumented students/families
- Black staff affinity group

Students

- Student panels
- Student focus groups
- Student workshops
 - DEI guest speakers
- Student publications
- Class visits
- Student organizations
- Tentative: mandatory DEI training

Community

- Implicit bias
- Courageous
 Conversations about
 Race
- Anti-racism resources
- Immigrant and Undocument Persons Rights & Resources
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth
- Asian-American alum panel

Equity Commitments

- Board Policy Changes
- Board Equity Resolution

DistrictComprehensiveEquity Plan



Comprehensive Equity Plan



Comprehensive Equity Plan

Indicators of Success

By 2023

- Principles of comprehensive equity plan are the foundation of school improvement and will be reflected in school improvement plans.
- District data trends will indicate at least a nine percent (9%) reduction in academic gaps for the following student groups: Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, special education, English learners, and economically disadvantaged.
- District data trends for students who are eligible for special education services will be proportional to the overall district demographics.
- Data trends in the area of discipline, advanced classes and extracurricular activities will reflect positive movement towards district demographics.

- District data trends will indicate at least a nine percent (9%) reduction in demographic workforce gaps for certified and non-certified permanent staff, respectively in each racial/ ethnic group including Asian, Black/African-American, and Hispanic/Latinx.
- Retention rates for racial/ethnic groups including Asian, Black/African-American, and Hispanic/Latinx will remain substantially equal to the overall retention rate for certified and non-certified permanent staff, using 2020 as a benchmark year.
- At least 80% of student respondents from non-majority identity groups in grades 6-12 will report that they have a meaningful and positive connection in their school as evidenced by survey data and focus group participation and feedback.
- At least 80% of respondents from families of students in non-dominant identity groups will report that they have a meaningful and positive connection in their school as evidenced by survey data and focus group participation and feedback.

Started from the Bottom Now We're Here

"Here" is a few notches up not the top.

Lessons Learned

Clearly call out racism

Student voice is essential

Community Engagement

Do not wait for staff to be "ready" to address DEI issues.

Make sure leaders and educators are well supported and have access to relevant resources and begin DOING the work.

Thanks

Any questions?

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District 86 Equity Journey

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Kelly Owens & Robin Vannoy

Staff Outreach- Summer and Fall 2020

The Equity Teacher-Led Team reached out to staff members this summer after the death of George Floyd and began the collective equity journey for District 86.

- 1. Reached out to Administration to get Building and District Admin. on board.
- 2. Staff Letter to Admin. signed by over 175 teachers demanding action on equity awareness in our schools.
- 3. Teacher-Led Discussions with staff on personal racial awareness.
- 4. Teacher-Led Student Group (SOAR) Students Organized for Anti-Racism
- 5. District Level Equity Committee Established. (50+ members)

So the journey begins...

Staff Development and Outreach

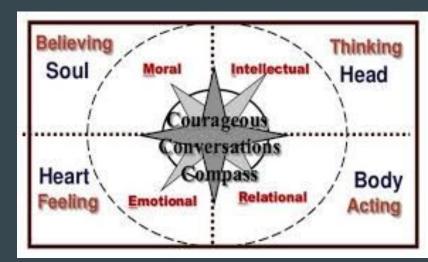
Using Courageous Conversations Mindset Compass to steer responses in active voice.

Teacher-led phone conversations over the summer with staff.

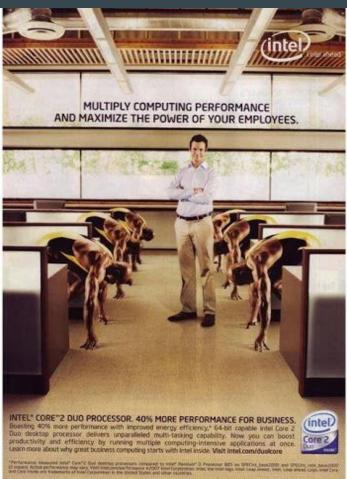
Group Zoom Sessions regarding Racial Awareness, staff led.

Continued in the Fall 2020 with PD time on Wednesdays during Remote Planning time for staff to meet, discuss their racial journeys. Encourage staff to "share their stories."

Teach with openness, racially aware I statements. "As a White Woman, as a Black Man...."



Practice Emotion-Driven Discussions (2007 & 2011)







Reducing Racial Disportionality in Exclusionary Discipline for Black Students

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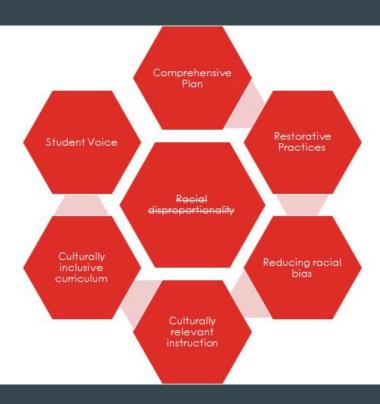
Racial Disportionality Data

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	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (until 3/13/20)
Racial Disportionality Rate Eligibility	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Expulsions and Suspensions White Students	30	14	<10
Total Expulsions and Suspensions Students of Color	71	44	<10
Racial Disproportionality Rate	4.398	5.8435	1.8208
Top 20% in RD Rate	Yes	Yes	No
RD Rate Rank	37	15	162

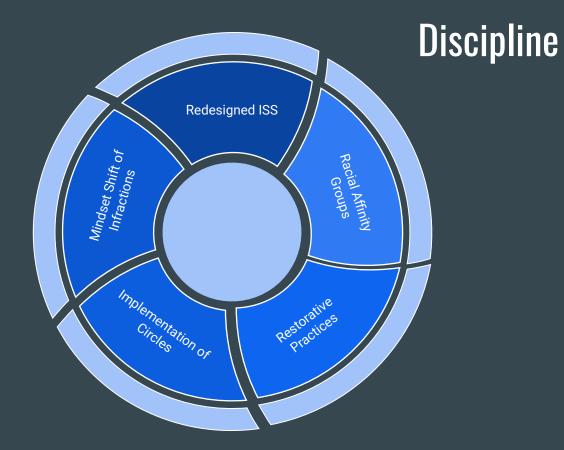
Contributing Factors

- •Statistically, Black students are more likely than White students to receive behavioral referrals (Bradshaw et al., 2010).
- •Scholars have examined this social justice issue from a variety of micro and macro levels including increasing teachers' cultural competence (Ladson-Billings, 2009), addressing implicit bias (McIntosh et al., 2014), countering systemic racism in the American educational system (Ladson-Billings & Tate, 1998), and restructuring disciplinary policies (Welsh & Little, 2018).

Holistic Plan



Restructuring



Student Success Center

- Re Engagement Plan
- Mawi Turbo Growth
- Canvas E-Cig/Vaping Course
- •SEL & Behavioral Interventions
- •Social Work/Groups
- •Student Goal Setting
- Progress Monitoring
- ◆Conflict Resolution
- •Lunch Intervention Program
- Amita Health Collaboration
- •SSC/ISS Exit Survey



- Employ a variety of proactive practices that are positive and restorative in nature.
- Provide a continuum of progressive and restorative discipline, interventions, supports and consequences that are consistent with prevention and early intervention strategies.

Racial Affinity Groups & Restorative Practices

- Bee Fly
- Hornet Advisory Committee
- Ritmo
- Rhyme and Reason

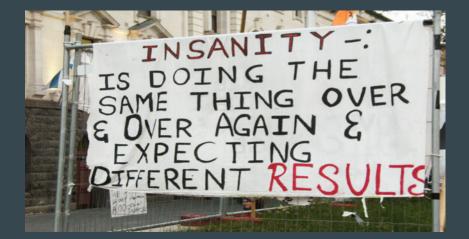


- Substance Use Assessments
- District paid drug education
- Healing Circles
- Mediations
- Restorative Detentions
- Academic support in lieu of detention

Restorative Practices & Mindset Shifts

- A multidisciplinary team was trained.
- Teacher reached out for help and was coached on how to implement community circles in her classroom.
- That teacher then became a spokesperson and advocate for classroom circles.
- Whole building mini-training.
- Next steps: continued coaching for interested teachers.

- Critical to have superintendent and principal support.
- Do we **have** to externally suspend this student?
- What situations are truly safety risks?
- District paid safety assessments



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