

Chappaqua School District

Anti-Racism and Social Justice Education in Our School Community

Chappaqua Central School District is a community of learners who demonstrates an understanding and appreciation for continual growth in all aspects of education. Our community values equity, celebrates inclusivity and promotes social justice.

Chappaqua Central School District recognizes that we must close the gap between our espoused values and current reality, and commits to the following:

Act with Purpose

We will create a tangible action plan to drive change.

Accelerate Our Response We will identify and take decisive strategic actions to fight racism and other discriminatory forces in our schools and by extension, our community.

Show Progress

We will measure the impact of our strategic actions and report progress and challenges to our school community.

District Equity Work

Strategic Focus Areas - 2019-2020

- Created ChappEquity P.R.I.D.E. Fellowship
- Engaged in Diversity Recruitment & Hiring Initiatives
- Facing History: Professional Development & Curriculum
- Continued SEL Work: RULER Approach
- Facilitated Anti-Racism Virtual Professional Development

Sessions for Staff

District Equity Work

Strategic Focus Areas - 2019-2020

- Provided District Level Support BSU & Unity Day
- Supported Student Lead Equity Work (GSA, ENOUGH, BSU, 7B Diversity Club, Bell Diversity Club)
- Supported Faculty Lead Curriculum Diversification Initiatives
- Two-Prong Process when Students & Staff are victims



June 8, 2020 - June 23, 2020

- Greeley Student Assemblies
- CCSD Faculty Meetings, Staff & Departmental Focus Groups
- CCSD Unity Day Facilitated by the BSU
- Board of Education Community Focus Groups
- ☐ Focus Groups with Black Alumni, BSU & BIPOC Staff
- Provided Ongoing Professional Development
- Secured Professional Development for Leadership Team
- Investigated & Addressed Additional Incidents



Framework



Set clear short- and long-term goals and measure progress, reporting on improvements or setbacks.

Education

Ensure our curriculum & faculty are reflective of the global community, and is one that values, celebrates and accurately represents our rich history and diversity.



Ensure every student, staff & family is treated equally and justly so they are safe, seen heard and valued



GUIDING QUESTIONS COMMITMENT PROPOSED ACTIONS **Develop BOE Advisory Committee** District Quarterly Report on * How will we organize ourselves to do this work as we Set clear short- and long-term goals **Progress** identify appropriate goals, measure progress over time Reevaluate Strategic Plan and measure progress, reporting **Evolution** Revisit BOE Strategic Questions and report this progress to our community? on improvements or setbacks. Revise BOE Policies Revisit Mission Statement * How can we utilize professional learning to ensure that Secure Renowned Experts Ensure our curriculum & faculty Leadership, Faculty, Parents & Students all faculty and leaders create and support culturally are reflective of the global Personal Growth & Development Education responsive classrooms & schools? community, and is one that Curriculum Analysis & Revisions * How can we enrich our programs by diversifying student values, celebrates and Diversify Staff through Hiring Practices experiences and faculty. Prioritize educational experiences accurately represents our rich * How should we enhance our curriculum to better related to Digital Citizenship Education history and diversity. educate students as they take an anti-racist stance? Create & Publish School Charters *To what extent are our espoused values, policies, and Ensure every student, staff Equity (RULER) practices anti-racist and culturally responsive? & family is treated equally Revise Code of Conduct & *How can we access the expertise of all stakeholder and justly so they are safe, Communicate Expectations groups and outside experts to realize our vision? Develop Alumni Mentorship seen heard and valued Opportunities for Students * How can we provide robust support systems for Increase Expertise on Staff & Allocate historically marginalized students, families and faculty? Position to Lead this Work Framework For Action

Summer Leadership Development







Welcome to Drs. Brenda & Franklin Campbell Jones

Summer Curriculum Revisions **Professional** Learning

Central School District

- → Chapp Equity P.R.I.D.E. Fellowship
 - Develop Professional Learning Approach for 20/21
 - Select Consultant Expert for Faculty Training for 20/21
 - Develop Educational Approach for Students & Families for 20/21
- → Enhanced & Articulated Digital Citizenship Curriculum
- → Curriculum Priorities Equity Audit/Curriculum Review
 - Identify and remove racially insensitive curricular materials & experiences
 - Add BIPOC perspectives, voices, and authors
 - Address the teaching of contemporary issues especially as it pertains to systemic racism
- → Expand partnership with Facing History



Facing History and Ourselves

Facing History and
Ourselves uses lessons of
history to challenge
teachers and their
students to stand up to
bigotry and hate.





TEACHING FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Whole schools (including administrators) engage in a series of trainings that we call Teaching for Equity and Justice. The series consists of 4 consecutive modules that can be done over time or in one 8 hour training.

MODULE 1

MODULE 2

MODULE 3

MODULE 4

Establishing
Brave Space for
an Adult Learning
Journey Centering
Equity

History, Race and Educational Inequity Developing Mindsets for Equity-based Work Facing History and Ourselves and Culturally Responsive Teaching

Diversifying Staff & Targeted Support

- Revised & Standardized District-Wide Hiring Processes & Procedures
- Researched & Implemented Practices to Support Recruitment, Hiring & Retention of Educators of Color
 - Revised district description & job descriptions to attract candidates from underrepresented groups
 - Received input from students & staff to inform process
 - Participated in Diversity Recruitment Fair
 - Posted & Advertised positions across various platforms
 - We are seeing results...
 - 2019-2020 3% of new staff identified as POC
 - 2020-2021 Ongoing; currently appr. 30% of new staff identify as POC
- Develop Alumni Mentorship Program
- Create a Position to Support Students, Staff and Families of Color

Systems of Accountability



- Identify baseline Climate Assessment for Elementary, Middle and High School Students & Conduct Randomized Focus Groups
- Revise District Code of Conduct with Stakeholder Team
 - What does our response look like when incidents occur?
 - How do we balance accountability with restorative practices?
 - O How & when do we communicate with the community?
- Report Incidents & Progress Quarterly to the Board of Education
- Revisit Strategic Plan & BOE Strategic Questions



Next Comprehensive Community Update September 2020

- Professional Development Plan for all Staff
- Revised Code of Conduct
- ☐ Plan for Student Learning Experiences to Promote an Antiracist stance
- Result of Preliminary Curricular Review and Identification of Curricular Shifts as a result of Summer Work
- Diversification of Learning Experiences: BIPOC perspectives, voices, and authors
- ☐ K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum Map
- Define Quarterly Report Structure
- ☐ Full Hiring Analysis & Future Recruitment Process Overview
- ☐ Selection of Climate Assessment Tool for Students
- Establishment of Student Mentoring Program
- ☐ New Position Established & Process Underway to Hire Candidate
- ☐ Establish New Board of Education Advisory Committee



Thank You!