

Building Common Ground Community Conversation



Place: Central Elementary School
Cafeteria

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

We invite you to attend this community conversation with Dr. Stephen Morris and Dr. John Minkler as they help in developing common ground as tough educational issues are explored and solutions are sought.

During this meeting, Drs. Morris and Minkler will lead the conversation surrounding the formation of a Superintendent's Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will work with these professionals in bringing forward recommended solutions to the Superintendent about our schools and communities which meet the needs of all our stakeholders.

Meeting topics

- Introduce CEC staff and meeting purpose
- Approve Agreements
- Identify goals of the Common Ground Superintendent's Advisory Council (sign-up sheet)
- Share greatest concerns (each- one sentence) list and discuss
- Discuss vision for students, staff, and families in the district
- Closing comments, next steps

Agreements for civil dialogue include:

- Show respect and suspend judgement.
- Listen with an open attitude.
- Speak from your own experience ([I statements]).
- Commit to seek agreement, progress and solutions.
- Ask open ended questions that seek meaning.
- Accept that good people may disagree.
- Seek a common vision.

Common Ground Superintendent's Advisory Council is designed to:

- Listen to the voices of all stakeholders; educators, parents, students, and community members.
- Find common ground agreements through civil dialogue on controversial issues that impact staff and students.
- Provide specific suggestions to improve program, policy, and practices as they relate to these issues.



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