

July 24, 2020

Dear Community Members,

We wanted to highlight two things happening this summer that further our work on the Community and Diversity Committee.

### **1) Community Conversation to Feature Author Ed Gordon on July 28**

The Town of Woodbridge is proud to offer the first of a series of outreach initiatives dedicated to the topics of diversity, inclusion, and collaboration. These “Community Conversations” have been developed by the Woodbridge ad-hoc Community Council, in conjunction with the Beecher Road School Community and Diversity Committee, the Woodbridge Town Library and the New Haven Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

The first Community Conversation will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 28 at 7pm. All are welcome to participate. The theme of the conversation will be: *Activism: How to Stand Up and Enact Meaningful Change*. Mr. Gordon will facilitate a panel with local residents to explore subjects that embrace critical questions in today’s charged climate, and about people of color’s continuing quest for equality.

Register in advance for this webinar at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6hEVHkDnQOCqcoT43t0MAQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6hEVHkDnQOCqcoT43t0MAQ).

There is no cost to participate, however book purchases are encouraged. Book sales will take place on the Woodbridge Town Green adjacent to the Woodbridge Police Department, on Saturday, July 25, from 9am-10am. Each book is \$25 and exact cash or check (payable to Gordon Media) is appreciated.

### **2) Parent Book Club**

We are full steam ahead with our parent book club. As we mentioned in our previous letter, we invite you to join us in reading *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. If you are interested in participating in some form of dialogue around this book, please email us back at [BRSDiversity@woodbridgeps.org](mailto:BRSDiversity@woodbridgeps.org) and we will add you to our list. We will finalize book group plans in the next few weeks.

Respectfully,

#### **The Community Diversity Committee**

Althea Brooks, Parent

Larissa Crocco, Teacher

Jay Dahya, Parent

Robert Gilbert, Superintendent

Aimee Meacham, Teacher

Ruche Mejnartowicz, Parent

Doreen Merrill, Asst. Principal

Lanna Moore, Teacher

Tahera Parvez, Parent

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Analisa Sherman, Principal

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