FOUR EQUITY ROADS FOR DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, & TEAMS

DIRECTIONS - Determine which Equity Road is best for your District, School, Team or Department. This work is developmental. Rooting equity work strategically occurs in the Early & Emerging Consciousness categories in order to move successfully toward the Pre-Grounded & Grounded Consciousness categories.

EARLY EQUITY CONSCIOUSNESS – POSSIBLE STEPS

- 8) Provide professional development for leadership to ensure that they are onboard to carry out the charge.
- 7) Identify the top three areas where equity must be embedded anchored by data, (i.e., think performance, policies/procedures, budgets, disaggregated groups, discipline, family & student engagement, curriculum & professional development).
- 6) Look at Best Practices & bullet out a draft mission statement in your leadership circle.
- 5) Determine who is in your equity car? Who is not ready for the work? Who is ready?
- 4) Gather data & Identify gaps & under-represented populations.
- 3) Craft your personal equity leadership statement.
- 2) Simply talk equity & share vulnerabilities regarding DEI work.
- 1) Acknowledge the need & responsibility for DEI Work in your leadership circle.

EMERGING EQUITY CONSCIOUSNESS -POSSIBLE STEPS



- 8) Provide ongoing training & framing for the Board.
- 7) Conduct a "pre-roll out" workshop with equity leaders to define/refine/plan for the work.
- 6) Identify individuals who can "host" equity work in strategic spaces.
- 5) Provide an equity framework for the work to be done.
- 4) Build out a priority visual of departments to begin embedding equity.
- 3) Conduct listening tours across the district/school/community regarding disparities with educators, staff, students & parents.
- 2) Refine the equity mission statement reaching beyond leadership circle.
- 1) #1-8 in the Early Equity Consciousness category is in process.

PRE-GROUNDED EQUITY CONSCIOUSNESS -**POSSIBLE STEPS**



- 9) Plan for a roll-out of an all-district equity & culturally responsive mandatory workshop series for the school year.
- 8) Begin to explore equity performance goals across the district & equity in classroom observations.
- 7) Create YouTube & Podcasts of students & educators integrating equity in multiple forums, (i.e., poster sessions, videos, spoken word, art, music, etc.).
- 6) Create positive equity images, social media posts & other DEI visuals for the District/school.
- 5) Build out a sample District & school plan naming disparities & under-supported population (aligned with state mandates).
- 4) Create a district student/parent & community advisory to authentically inform your work.
- 3) Build the capacity of strategic equity partners across the district/school/board.
- 2) #2-8 in the Emerging Equity Consciousness category is in process.
- 1) #1-8 in the Early Equity Consciousness category is in process.

GROUNDED EQUITY CONSCIOUSNESS – POSSIBLE STEPS



- 14) Keep it Moving.....(the work never ends)!
- 13) Establish a Multi-cultural curriculum committee to scrutinize all curricula for inclusivity & authenticity.
- 12) Create an online DEI District Resource Bank & anonymous suggestions or equity Ombud's space.
- 11) Consider a DEI specific job and/or team to embed the work broadly & deeply.
- 10) Monitor district & school plans for disparity alignment.
- 9) Embed program specific/job specific/department specific DEI training ongoing & when onboarding.
- 8) Review the existing budget for equity in terms of marginalized populations.
- 7) Continually build the capacity of the board as your equity partners & allies.
- 6) Begin to build out expected equity trajectories in all departments and in all schools seeking input from all departments via a survey or other inquiry.
- 5) Enlist external equity experts to evaluate your planning &
- 4) Build capacity across the district within budgets, curricular choices, recruitment & retention, HR, Data teams, Instructional leaders, educators, students & parents via language, training, expectations, etc.
- 3)#3-8 in the Pre-grounded Equity Consciousness category is in process.
- 2) #2-8 in the Emerging Equity Consciousness category is in
- 1) #1-8 in the Early Equity Consciousness category is in

Driven by Disparity Data, Diverse Voices & Community Context

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