

TUESDAY

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Building a Climate of Empathy:

An Evening of Discussion about Diversity and Inclusion

A PANEL DISCUSSION AND PARENT FORUM

December
2016

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wilmette Junior High Auditorium

District 39 has a strategic goal to do more to develop empathy, instill respect, and promote acceptance of responsibility within our school communities. While D39 takes cases of bullying seriously and investigates all reports, there has unfortunately been an increase in before/after school incidences, racial and/or religious tension, and social conflicts/bullying within social media settings. Therefore, proactive measures are needed in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusiveness.

Come together as a community of parents and educators to ask questions and learn from panelists experienced working and advocating for diverse groups. They will lead us in conversations about religious, racial, ethnic, learning, gender, and socioeconomic diversity. Parents will have the opportunity to pose questions about how to build a climate of empathy, talk to children about diversity, and help children navigate their own conversations about diversity and inclusion.

Panelists:

- Rabbi Hillel Gamoran
- Biz Lindsay-Ryan, *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Facilitator and Consultant*
- Patricia Savage-Williams, *Special Education Coordinator at NTHS, Facilitator and Trainer for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*
- Rev. Dr. Mark Teasdale, *E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary*
- Corrie Wallace, *Consultant, Facilitator, and Trainer for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*

Help us to plan for the event by submitting your [RSVP HERE](#).

Not sure right now? No worries! If you aren't able to RSVP, you are still welcome to attend.