WHAT IS SOMETHING THE SCHOOL COULD DO TO MAKE IT A PLACE WHERE ALL STUDENTS FEEL THEY BELONG?

WE WANT TO LEARN!

"Having more talks with the students about current issues that are imbedded in our society.... have more conversations about mental health, 2SLGBTQ+, racism and other things that make some students feel left out"

"Teach us how to respond when we hear racist, sexist or homophobic comments from others"

DISCUSS CURRENT EVENTS OPENLY AND DON'T AVOID CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

USE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO REFLECT A WIDE RANGE OF STUDENT IDENTITIES

LEARN HOW TO DISCUSS DIFFICULT TOPICS

"Teach us the history of other groups, not just history from a white perspective"

TEACH ABOUT HARMFUL WORDS

WE WANT TO BE SEEN!

BRING IN GUEST SPEAKERS

"I only ever saw one resource that reflected my identity in elementary school"

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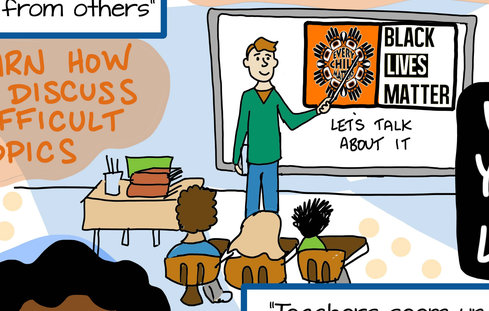


WE WANT YOU TO LEARN TOO!

"Teachers seem uncomfortable, scared of being wrong or saying the wrong thing. It is better just to talk about it. They don't need to be perfect, just start the conversation. If the goal is to make us better people, then we have to talk about these things and understand the ways we harm each other."

LEARN HOW TO TALK ABOUT DIFFICULT TOPICS — PODCASTS, CONVERSATION, ARTICLES

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT... JUST BE EDUCATED AND BRAVE

CREATE MESSAGING ABOUT EQUITY

RESPECT CULTURE + INDIVIDUALITY

EDUCATE + ENGAGE STUDENTS!

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION

CONNECT NEW STUDENTS

WE WANT TO FEEL SAFE!

INCREASE SUPERVISION + DISCIPLINE STUDENTS WHO MAKE RACIST, SEXIST OR HOMOPHOBIC SLURS

"To make schools a safe space I think that we should focus more on celebrating each other's differences instead of tearing them down and making sure everyone knows that not everyone has to be the same"

SAFE, PRIVATE SPACES

OPEN UP TO STUDENTS. SHARE YOUR IDENTITY AND YOUR STORY

SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO TALK

Listen WITHOUT JUDGEMENT

WE WANT TO FEEL HEARD!

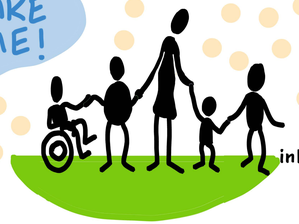
"Try to look at problems from the kid's point of view instead of snap judgements"

MAKE TIME!

We BUILD a Culture of BELONGING

GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Learn
Lead
Inspire



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