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Good Morning Willard Families,

This much anticipated week has finally arrived, filled with hope about the future of our communities and our country along with the prospects of our safety, health, employment, and social justice. As professional educators we feel lucky to possess the invaluable power to impact students' lives and minds. Willard believes this is an opportunity to facilitate well-structured and unbiased conversations with our students about the significance of this turning point moment and its impact on our current lives and future prospects for change. Willard also believes that is an opportunity to emphasize the process of how democracy works and the power of actions by citizens to utilize our democratic rights and responsibilities. However this week unfolds Willard will continue its commitment to serve as role models for our future leaders that we serve with all of our hearts.

With that, here are some important updates as we head into the week

Conferences: Willard will hold 4 hours of conferences this Wednesday (11/4) and 6 hours of conferences on November 18th.

- **Conferences on 11/4:** Willard will hold student specific, pre-planned conferences this Wednesday from 11:00-1:00pm and 2:00 - 4:00pm. If you did not receive notification from a Willard teacher by last Friday, then that means you are not being asked to participate in conferences on 11/4.
- **Conferences on 11/18:** Willard will hold drop-in conferences from 10:00 - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 3:00pm, and 4:30 - 6:30pm on 11/18.
 - **7th/8th grade:** If you are a family member of a 7th/8th grade student then [please use this document](#) to sign up for conferences on November 18th.
 - **6th grade:** If you are a family member of a 6th grade student, please be on the lookout for an email from your students advisory teacher at some point today. You will use a document that [will look something like this](#) to sign up for conferences.



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- **BIPOC Family Meeting:** Willard has **changed** the date of it's BIPOC family meeting to November 19th at 6pm. This change was made to accommodate the 8th grade families who also have BHS's 9th grade information night on the previously scheduled date and time. This event will be co-facilitated by both families and Willard staff who identify as BIPOC. We are still planning the event. If you would like to participate in this event, [please sign up here](#).

If things come up, please remember, you can always reach out to your student's grade level counselor, or contact myself.

Best,

Chris Albeck
Principal