An update from the district on continuing work to support our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) across all buildings:

March 2021

Recently, seven Stonington High School Alumni and one current senior graciously agreed to join in a discussion about their experiences in Stonington Schools specific to race, racism, equity, and inclusion. Panelists included members from both the BIPOC and white communities. Questions ranged in scope from areas of improvement in curriculum, instructional pedagogy and overall social-emotional interactions with peers. The recordings will be edited to provide approximately 45-60 minutes of video that were used districtwide on the March 12th professional development day. The members of the district DEI team will assist in facilitating the post-viewing activities with teachers and administrators engaging in small group discussions and identifying specific actionable items for their practices.

This month a new districtwide podcast series will be launched to share information of interest to families and communities members about a wide variety of topics. The first episode will feature Timothy Flanagan, Social Studies teacher and Fulbright Alumnus, from Stonington Middle School. Tim will share exciting updates about his newly formed Stonington Middle School Anti-racist Reading Circle. More information will follow on accessing the podcast series.

Guest children's author, Tangular Irby, will be visiting West Vine Street and Deans Mill Schools 2nd Graders in March to read her newly published book, Pearl and Her Gee's Bend Quilt. In addition to being a children's author, Tangular is a former elementary school teacher and principal who is currently an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University in the Teacher Preparation Program.

At the high school, students in grades 9-12 recently participated in a school wide microaggression activity during their VOICE TASC block. Summarized feedback from both students and faculty from this activity was shared during our staff meeting and student advisory group.

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