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Dear Newton Families,

For the past few years, the Newton Public Schools have hosted the Newton Family Conference – a conference for Black/African-American and Latino/Hispanic families to provide opportunities for learning, connection, and discussion. Because the event has been so informative and helpful, **this year we are expanding it to invite ALL NPS families.**

We postponed last spring's conference to this fall and now I am pleased to invite you to the **2018 Newton Family Conference to be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Newton North High School.** The goal of the Newton Family Conference is to build relationships between families of color and white families within the district; advance dialogue around issues of race, culture, and identity; and create opportunities for families within NPS to meet each other. The Family Conference is one way in which the Newton Public School District is seeking to create culturally responsive school communities with equity and excellence for all.

Participants at the conference will attend workshops on “Courageous Conversations About Race” facilitated by NPS trained facilitators. These sessions will be similar to the workshops in which Newton faculty and staff are participating. In addition, we will offer sessions at the conference that will provide parents with ideas and strategies for talking to their children about race. Our goal is for you to partner with us as we strive to make our Newton school community welcoming and inclusive to all students and families.

To facilitate your participation, limited childcare, provided by Newton classroom aides and high school students, will be available for children in grades K-5. Please RSVP at: <https://2018familyconference.eventbrite.com>. Workshop online selection forms will be emailed by November 5<sup>th</sup> to those that RSVP.

I hope you will consider attending what should be an excellent conference.

Sincerely,

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