Global Awareness and Cultural Diversity Learning

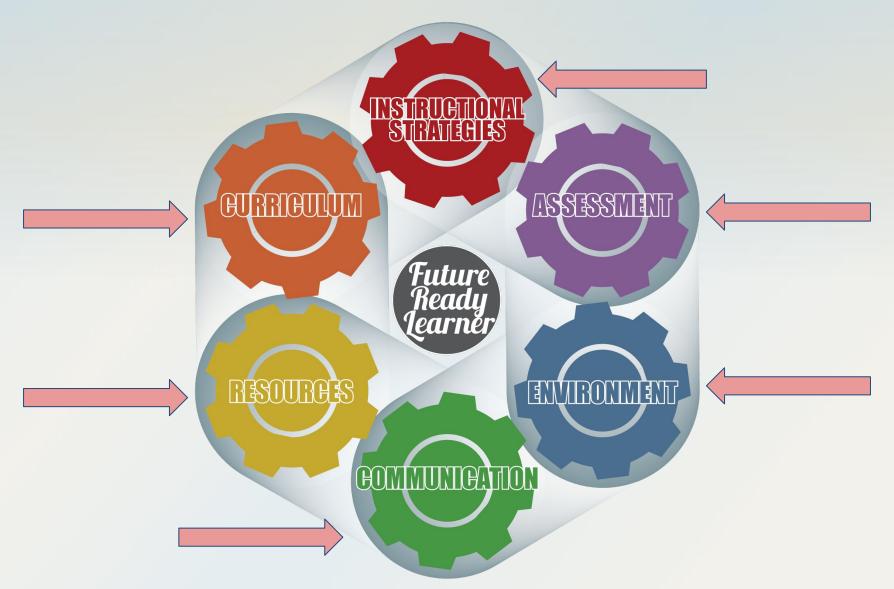


Millburn Township Public Schools Update - January 28, 2019





Everywhere!



Cultural Diversity Goals

- Heighten and expand our sensitivity, awareness, knowledge, and acceptance/tolerance of the world's, and our community's, diversity.
- Incorporate more culturally responsive teaching into our schools (curriculum, programs, and environments.)
- To make this "awareness" learning systematic and structured.

Why These Goals? Why Now?

The town of Millburn and our school system has become increasingly more diverse - and will continue to diversify - as will our entire world.

Why These Goals?

- By 2055, the U.S. will not have a single racial or ethnic majority. Over the next four decades, the majority of U.S. population growth is projected to be linked to new Asian and Hispanic immigration.
- 43% of Millennials are nonwhite, the highest share of any generation.
- The labor force participation rate for American women has risen steadily since the 1960s. In fact, mothers were the sole or primary breadwinner in a record 40% of all households with children in 2011.
- The world's religious makeup will look a lot different by 2050: Over the next four decades, Christians will remain the largest religious group, but Islam will grow faster than any other major religion.

Our District-Level Work So Far

Curricular work and conversations

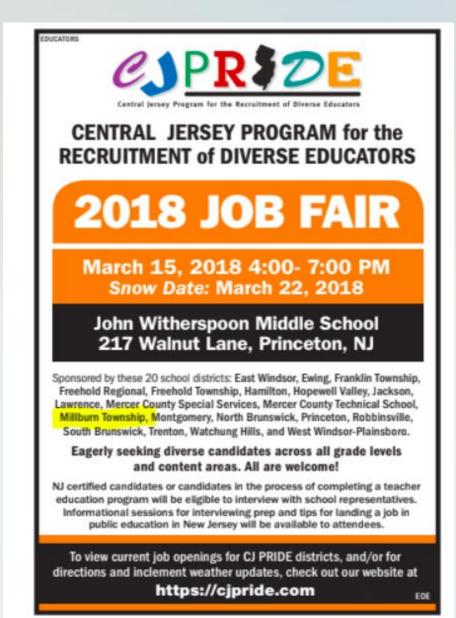
- Small parent, think-tank groups
- Initial launch training January 2018
 - Global areas of PD focus included:
 - cultural & ethnicity
 - religious
 - political
 - gender
 - sexual orientation
 - disability

Our District-Level Work Moving Forward

We've contracted with The Institute for Teaching Equity and Social Justice and one of it's founders: Dr. Khyati Joshi

- 2 days of Admin training
- 4 days of Equity Team training
- K-8 Social Justice Work
- MMS Social Justice ELA units
- Spring Parent Informational Session
- Ongoing relationship and access to Dr. Joshi

Our District-Level Work So Far



The Here & Now

- A call for data
- Looking at code of conduct
 - Processes and protocols

I hope all is well. I have been meaning to reach out to you and share my impressions of the Equity Team and Dr. Joshi. All I can say is thank you for inviting me to be a part of this dynamic and meaningful experience.

Dr. Joshi is knowledgeable and her approach is so inviting. It is a safe environment to touch on often difficult or uncomfortable topics. I have already engaged in different activities and conversations with my [students] that I have been reluctant to have in the past. In addition, I value the opportunity to learn side by side with my colleagues at MMS and MHS as their insights are ones that I often do not get to hear as an elementary school teacher.

I know at times you do not hear enough of the great things. I have found this experience really impactful and I am looking forward to our future meetings.