

Friday, October 12, 2018

A few points for your consideration as we wrap up the sixth (yes, sixth!) week of school...

1. Feedback on the survey of speaker quality (designed to help us evaluate the performance of our **PA system**) has been very helpful so far, but about a third of the faculty has not yet responded. Please take a moment to complete the [Google Form](#) (it will take less than a minute!) if you haven't already done so.
2. The new date for the fledgling **HHS School Security Committee** (postponed due to the debrief of the "stay-in-place" protocol last Monday) is **Monday, Oct. 15th**. We'll meet at 2:45 PM in Room 289. All interested teachers are encouraged to attend.
3. On the topic of school security: We plan to practice "stay-in-place" and "lockdown" protocol with all teachers during the **faculty meeting on Wednesday** afternoon (Oct. 17th).
4. Looking for a way to extend the meaningful conversations that began during the **cultural proficiency** workshop last week? In addition to joining Chrissy O'Connor's book study ([So You Want to Talk About Race?](#)) you might also consider attending this [Anti-Racism Organizing in the Suburbs \(AROS\) Symposium](#) in Weston on Saturday, October 27th. If you can attend, I'll make sure you get reimbursed for your registration fee.
5. The **new mentoring program** continues to make a big contribution to school culture and climate. A "Trivia Night" event drew a good crowd last week and won a very favorable Harbor Media profile. Check out the [short \(92-second!\) video](#) to get a sense of what they're doing. Kudos to **Ben Louchheim** for spearheading this initiative.

The skies will soon be clearing. I hope that's a harbinger of good things for your weekend!

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