



NEW: Grades 5–9 Anti-Racism Learning Cohort

I'm very excited to share that we are launching a **district Anti-Racism Learning Cohort for the 2026–27 school year!**

The cohort will bring together approximately **30 educators working with students in Grades 5–9** for three afternoons of collaborative professional learning:

November 26 – Building the Foundation

Beginning through a **Compassionate Systems** lens with **Joanne Schroeder**.

January 14 – Student Voice & Leadership

Learning with **Katie Marren and Rod Allen**, with a focus on student voice, agency, leadership, and action.

March 4 – From Learning to Action

Bringing our learning together through classroom application, reflection, sharing, and planning for continued work in our schools.

TTOC/release coverage will be provided for all three afternoons. Participants are asked to commit to all three sessions, as the learning is designed to build throughout the year.

Participants will also receive professional and classroom resources, including *This Book Is Anti-Racist*, a companion journal, classroom discussion/reflection posters, practical lessons and resources, and access to button makers and other hands-on materials.

Following spring break, there will be opportunities to continue applying the learning and to share reflections, student work, initiatives, and feedback later in the spring.

Interested in joining?

If you teach or work with students in **Grades 5–9** and are interested in being part of the cohort, please complete the short **Expression of Interest**:

[Anti-Racism Learning Cohort – Expression of Interest Form](#)

We have approximately **30 spaces** and hope to include representation from schools, grade levels, and educator roles across the district. Expressions of Interest will help us create a balanced district-wide cohort rather than filling spaces on a first-come, first-served basis.

I've attached the **cohort poster**, which also includes a QR code to the Expression of Interest form.

Whether or not you participate in the cohort, please feel free to connect with me throughout the year for **co-planning, co-teaching, staff learning, Pro-D, resources, or consultation**. I'm always happy to work alongside you and your school community.

Looking forward to another year of learning together!