WHAT PARENTS CAN DO: LREI’s Equity & Community Parent Information Sheet

What parents can do to support LREI’s equity & community efforts:

- Join/chair an affinity group/become a parent representative
- Volunteer to help with annual community-wide events
- Become a Buddy to a new family

What parents can do to continue equity conversations at home:

- Help your child(ren) practice Community Norms (see pages 18 and 19) that are appropriate for their age/grade.
- Read a book about a diversity/community theme - as the Librarians for suggestions.
- Join a diversity and community parent dialogue group such as the Multicultural Committee.
- Attend our diversity and community parent evenings and workshops.
- Continue discussions on equity and justice themes at home (read books or films, visit museum exhibits/walks or tours of different neighborhoods, serve a variety of cultural dishes, etc.).
- Attend co-curricular events such as plays/musicals, athletic games, and coffee houses, in order to connect to a wider range of LREI families.

What parents can do to manage an equity & community challenge:

- Recognize the vast amount of resources in the LREI community that you can use to support your home conversations.
- Recognize that we are all learning and therefore we are all going to have missteps as well as be successful while interacting with each other.
- Ask questions to make sure you have complete information before coming to conclusions.
- Try to gain distance and look at a situation from different points of view (adult, child, etc.).
- Make use of information related to specific diversity topics from school communications such as weekly blogs.
- Practice using the Community Norms in your interactions with LREI community members.