

Good afternoon, Friends,

The Emerald School's mission is to prepare girls and young women to be global citizens who lead lives of service to self and others. To fully realize that mission, The Emerald School is committed to creating an environment wherein each member feels seen, heard, and valued.

We recognize that sustainable Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) initiatives are not possible without faculty and staff leading the work. Accordingly, I invite you to join The Faculty Council for Belonging, an inaugural group comprised of innovative, collaborative, systems-thinkers whose mission is to expand Emerald's equity work by strategically leading DEIB initiatives on campus, designing ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty, organizing DEIB educational programming for families, and hosting faculty/staff community building events. The Council will meet on campus quarterly on a Thursday afternoon, immediately post dismissal. Meeting dates will be announced at a later date.

Please confirm your acceptance of this invitation by completing the 2-5 minute Welcome Survey by Friday, July 1, 2022 at 5 pm.

DEIB is difficult *and* exciting work, and your demonstrated commitment to fostering a culture of belonging makes you an excellent candidate for the Council.

Thank you for considering, and I anticipate partnering with you as we advance equity and belonging in all aspects of our school community..

From my desk to your heart,  
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