

Dear Newton North families,

Each year the PTSO holds one fundraising campaign, Educational Excellence, to support an important cause selected by the principal and available to all students.

**Focus on Anti-Racism and Equity**

This year I am excited to announce the establishment of the **Collaborations in Anti-Racism and Equity (C.A.R.E.) Fund** at Newton North High School. This purpose of this fund is to empower students and staff to develop anti-racist skills and practices, leading to greater care, integrity and dialogue in our school community and beyond. This year's Educational Excellence Fundraising Campaign will be directed to the launch of the C.A.R.E. Fund. Through this fund, students and staff will have access to a variety of tools and resources aimed at promoting racial justice and equity:

- Curriculum-related resources for students
- Professional development for teachers and staff
- Funds for speakers and community outreach
- Support for partnerships with outside organizations focused on anti-racism and equity
- Financial support for student projects related to social and racial justice

**Students will benefit this spring thanks to C.A.R.E. Fund opportunities**

We are working with a team of teachers this year to create learning opportunities for our students around racial justice and equity. With this fund we will be able to support student initiatives around antiracism. Additionally, we will be supporting Newton North organizations such as the Office of Human Rights which engages with students and staff when a racist incident occurs and provides proactive approaches to address inequities at North. Finally, we will begin to partner with organizations such as Teaching Tolerance so that as a faculty we can identify and teach the antiracist skills that our students should be developing in High School.

The C.A.R.E Fund will be a unique opportunity for North. Recently I had an opportunity to speak with college students, who did not go to North. They commented about feeling under prepared to speak about race when they arrived on campus and wished that their high schools prepared them to engage in this important work. With this fund we will make all Newton North students prepared to engage in these conversations and develop the skills to help address systemic racism in our country.

**Please donate now**

You will be receiving Educational Excellence Campaign materials from the PTSO with more information. However, you may [donate now](#) to support this exciting initiative that will benefit all students. I hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution as generous as you are able through the PTSO to support the C.A.R.E Fund.

Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Henry Turner, Principal