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Subject: Courageous Teacher Leadership Cohort Session #2

Good morning,

Yesterday the Courageous Teacher Leadership group met for their second session. All participants were in attendance and the day went quickly with a high level of engagement by all.

A highlight of the day for many was the chance to participate in Racial Affinity groups, an opportunity to create space for rich conversations. I have attached a scanned copy of the PPT for your review. We are staying true to paralleling the work of the Courageous Principal Institute while trying to assure what we do is relevant and important to the role of teachers and instructional coaches as they work with students and staff in your buildings. On Wednesday, in addition to experiencing racial affinity, we focused on exploring beliefs, deepening learning on research based strategies, spending time reflecting on personal identity and continuing racial equity literacy with the reading of "Detour Spotting."

We have two more sessions (February 6 and May 1) as part of the first year program. **This year we are able to offer a special invitation to each of the participants and to you to spend a day with Dr. Yvette Jackson on March 13 from 9:00-3:00 as she speaks about her research linked to the "Pedagogy of Confidence."** We will be checking with the participants in February to see if they have been cleared to attend. Each of you, is also welcome to attend on that day. Check your calendar and get back to me if you would like to attend. It will mean my ordering lunch and arranging the space to include you. You may or may not have had the opportunity to see Dr. Jackson in the past. I find I add to my learning each time I hear her speak.

Thank you for all you do to support your staff in their learning.

As always, feel free to reach out with questions or clarifications to Dr. Gustafson, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Rasmussen or me.

Best to each of you--

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