

Oakland Tech's Equity Team invites you to a
Listening Forum on the topic of
Educational Equity in our school

When: March 20th, 2017 6-8pm

Where: Upper Campus Cafeteria - 5263 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, CA 94618

“When we begin listening to each other, and when we talk about what matters to us, the world begins to change.”

-Margaret Wheatley

Oakland Tech’s Equity Team is a collaborative of teachers, parents, students, alumni, administration and staff that meets monthly to investigate matters of equity (which we define as the conditions and opportunities which allow all students to achieve their potential) and aims to inform and engage the community around these matters for the purpose of building shared understanding in order to move together towards a vision of equitable public education.

This is one of potentially many forums we will design to support our community in coming together in service of creating a school experience that empowers each student to thrive and achieve their potential.

What is the intention for this forum?

Our intention in opening this forum is to build mutual understanding. Specifically, we want to better appreciate how students, teachers, parents, alumni, and school administration make sense of and feel about educational equity at our school.

This is not about reaching agreement, or making decisions but it is about building mutual understanding of the multiple perspectives that surround this important topic. Through this *we will come to a deeper sense of the rich diversity of our Oakland Tech community*, and use this understanding to continue our collective progress toward equity for all our students.

What motivates this forum?

We are motivated by compassion and our shared love for Tech, **and we believe it is imperative for us to embrace the creative struggle of coming together to achieve our goal of supporting every student in achieving their potential.**

We also believe it is our responsibility **to hold ourselves accountable for how we are serving students** as a school community, and that it is equally important that we **share information** with all members of the wider Oakland Tech community. Please share this invitation with those whom you know will want to engage in conversation centered around this topic.

The equity team has invited two experienced facilitators who are helping us to create a constructive, respectful atmosphere where all voices can be heard and different opinions are encouraged.

If this interests you, please join for the first **Community Equity Meeting**. *Childcare and food will be provided.*

To **RSVP** for this event and ensure that we provide enough chairs and food, please text **@62gekk** to the number **81010**. This will also allow us to ensure seats for all and to send you reminders for such future events. Thank you!