## IPS Announcements



## IPS to Host a Community Conversation About Race

(June 11, 2020) - In the wake of George Floyd's death and subsequent protests around the world, Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) presents, "Let's Talk: An Honest Conversation About Race."

The district invites the community to join IPS leaders as they tackle the issue of race in America Friday, June 12, at noon. This virtual conversation will be hosted on Zoom and will include a Q & A session.

"I hope our community will respond to the pleas for justice with an affirmation that we are ready to engage so we can begin healing from our racist past, understand the impact it has had and continues to have on Black people and imagine a new future," said Aleesia Johnson, IPS superintendent. "Determining the best path forward will not be easy, but we will fail our children if we leave them a legacy of racism that we can begin undoing now."

Panelists will include Supt. Johnson, Dr. Patricia Payne, director of the IPS Racial Equity Initiative, Michael O'Connor, IPS Board president and Evan Hawkins, IPS Board vice president. The discussion will be moderated by Kristian Stricklen, IPS chief communications and engagement officer.

Participants must register in advance to receive the Zoom link. Click <u>HERE</u> to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Cline Black, IPS communications manager, at 317-605-3797.

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