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Alliance News



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Advocating and providing support for students and families throughout their time in Worthington Schools. WABFE welcomes any families with Black children enrolled in the Worthington Schools District, and also provides the chance to collaborate with and learn from Black educators within the district.



Next Meeting via Zoom

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Guest: College and Career Readiness

Join: [Registration link](#)

Join us for a discussion about getting your student ready for college and the workforce, including scholarship information and both a college/career counselor and college student as speakers

Honesty for Education

September's meeting featured information about an effort to promote honesty in education, [Honesty for Education](#): the complete presentation and thorough examination of historical and current events, behaviors, and societal trends. It reflects and affirms diverse perspectives and identities, including race, sex, and faith. It is grounded in credible research, widely accepted sources, and integral narratives of lived experiences. Learn more from this webinar:

[Protecting Honesty: A Briefing for School Board Candidates and Education Leaders](#)



Resource Links

[Facebook](#) [Worthington Alliance of Black Families & Educators on Facebook](#)

- [Worthington Schools Mentoring and Parent Resources](#)
- [Worthington Schools Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Worthington Schools Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)



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September Meeting Recap

Diversity policy: The School Board's policy committee presented the [draft DEI policy](#) to the board Sept. 13 and incorporated feedback from WABFE and other community members. The policy will continue to be revised before taken up for a vote at the **Monday, Oct. 11 school board meeting**. WABFE members are encouraged to [watch](#) or, better yet, attend that board meeting.

Rochelle Wilkerson described how WABFE input and recommendations have been provided to the district to align curriculum, goals and outcomes to be more inclusive, feature more diverse images, and be more equitable. WABFE has built good relationships with district staff and board members, and hopes to see progress this year, including a meeting with the district to demonstrate broad support for change. Meeting participants spent time in breakout rooms discussing social-emotional needs of kids and how DEI principles can be incorporated, and how to address the uproar over so-called Critical Race Theory.

Membership in WABFE is \$25 per family for the 2021-22 school year. Funds collected will be used to support student scholarships. Payment can be made at www.PayPal.me/wabfe (or use QR code at right) and contact information can be provided [here](#). WABFE is a registered nonprofit in Ohio.



Coming Up

WABFE meetings typically fall on the third Wednesday of each month but may change if they conflict with other school-related events. All meetings will be 7-8 p.m.

[District calendar](#)

[Masking protocols](#)

October 20

College/career readiness

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November 17

DEI update, equity audit

Featuring Toya Spencer

No meeting December or January

WABFE is organizing a Martin Luther King Day event in January

February meeting topic

Mental health resources

WABFE Committees

We know you have talent, energy and a willingness to make a difference. Help improve WABFE by joining one of our committees:

- Curriculum
- Policy
- Membership
- MLK Event Planning