Announcing the 8th Annual VAMLE Conference

Beyond Bullying: Creating a Culture of Respect in Learning Communities

What: A conference for middle level teams to develop student leadership and create action plans for change. Teams will have up to 4 students, accompanied by an educator. VAMLE member schools that register before February 11 may bring one additional team member free of charge.

When: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 (Snow Date: March 13, 2020)

Where: Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont. Breakfast, lunch, and parking provided.

Keynote Presentation: “I Am From Here,” a VTNEA Film and Panel Discussion

Highlight: Closing by Winooski High School Students’ “Culture and Community Capstone Class”

Workshop Topics:
- **Racial Equity in Vermont: What Can Schools Do,** Panel Discussion of “I Am From Here”
- **Theater Activities for Developing a Sense of Self, Others, and Community,** Tracy Vicory-Rosenquest, Flynn Center Teaching Artist
- **Social Media Makes Me Feel…,** Dave F. Brown, Ed.D., Educational Researcher and Author
- **Inclusion Through Youth Activation:** Student leaders, Special Olympics Vermont
- **Ally-ship for LGBTQ+ Youth:** Associate Director, Amanda Rohdenburg and Outright VT Youth
- **How Empathy Can Change the World:** Dr. Monica McEnerny, Castleton University
- **Team Building: Alternative to Hazing in Athletics:** Castleton University Sports Management
- **Understanding the Language of Bias:** Peer Leaders, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute
- **Disrupting for Justice: S.O.A.R. (Students Organizing Against Racism),** Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School
- **Exploring Stereotypes: “The Lemon Game”,** Peer Leaders, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute
- **Restorative Practices: Shifting the Culture of Our Schools,** Lindsey Halman, UP for Learning
- **Rumor Clinic – Stop the Rumors!** Peer Leaders, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute
- **Speaking Our Truth - Building Empathy Through Shared Story,** Rajii Eddins, author of “Their Names Are Mine”
- **Activating a School Change Action Plan:** VAMLE Board members

Cost: **VAMLE member** - $250 per 5/6 member team; **Non-member** - $325 per 5-member team; **Individual - Educator/College student/Interested Community member** - $75

Registration: Go to www.vamle.org for information

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