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I am pleased to announce the first event in this year's *Diversity Dialogues Series*. A reminder to all that the themes of the Diversity Dialogues series focus on diversity-related issues that affect our young adolescent population including race, gender, immigration, identity and socio economics.

Join us at 6:00 pm on Oct 26th for dinner, discussion and a video presentation entitled, *CSUS Scholars Share Their Views on Privilege and Inclusion in School*. (See attached flyer)

The series is open to ALL adult members of the CSUS community. The overarching aim is to provide a comfortable setting for candid adult conversations across the racial/cultural divide and to develop affirming relationships that support scholar academic success and social consciousness.

As a long time facilitator of diversity related themes, I am mindful that for some talking about diversity is not easy. For others the question is, what do I have to offer to this discussion? I want to assure you that each of us has something to offer to the dialogues. I want to also assure you that our experienced and trained cultural proficiency facilitators will provide a safe and thought-provoking process for the dialogues series.

All of us are in the midst of our personal cultural journey with past experiences that have shaped our views and informed our choices. ALL of us have something to offer to a diversity discussion. We have much to learn from each other about our diverse racial, cultural and socio- economic experiences. We want to hear your voice, appreciate your perspective and understand your cultural lens. We want your contributions to inform our work with your children. We hope you can join us on Thursday, October 26 when we launch this year's Diversity Dialogues.

As always, thank you for choosing CSUS and for your continued support.

Peace,

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