



## *Fall 2020 Conference Activity*

Being the Change You Want to See in Your School and Community!

### **Let's get to know each other**

Please unmute your mic and share:

- Name & Grade
- Something that made you smile during a tough time of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Why you joined Calling All Colors

### **Calling All Colors Safe Space Rules**

Be 100% present – we will be tackling some tough topics so please give each the respect of setting your phone and other distractions aside to be fully here.

Listen deeply – Listen fully to learn from each other, not to respond with your argument or thought that you think is better.

No Judgement – We are not all the same which means we have different ideas, perspectives and cultures. Don't judge because each of us has a different idea than you.

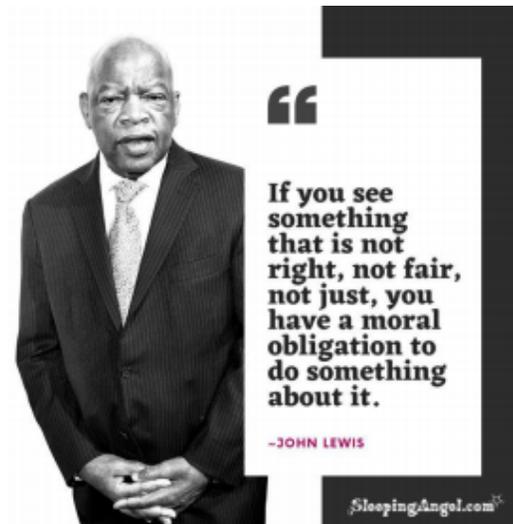
Speak your truth – We can only speak for ourselves and experiences. We can not represent our entire racial/ethnic or cultural group.

Respect Each Other – If we disagree we will do it respectfully and with care.

# Civil Rights Activist / Congressman

Play link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PxYLVLKkR8>

- How many of you have heard of John Lewis please raise your hand?
- What does this quote mean to you especially with everything that is happening in the world right now?



- About John Lewis: The late great Congressman Lewis began his work in the Civil Rights Movement at the age of 20. He helped desegregate whites only bus terminals with the Freedom Riders, helped conduct lunch counter sit-ins to desegregate whites only restaurants and stood for equal rights and was beaten and assaulted with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the infamous March on the Edmund Pettis Bridge. He was subsequently arrested a total of 24 times fighting for civil rights then served as a US Congressman for 33 years continuing his fight for equal rights for all.

- Discuss as a group some responses to the question, "When did you first realize racism was a real problem in the United States?". Allow 2 or 3 volunteers to share, if time, their personal experiences and thoughts.

## **Brief History of Racism in America (10 minutes):**

**In order to impact change around racism, biases and stereotypes in your school and community it is important to understand how these problems began. We are going to watch a brief video then discuss it.**

Play link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO\\_bdQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ)

- 1. What did you learn from the video? (Take 2-3 volunteers depending on time).*
- 2. How did it make you feel? (Take 2-3 volunteers depending on the time).*

## **Small Group Activity & Wrap-Up**

During trying times of injustice in our society it is important that we don't allow any type of injustice to happen in our school.

Brainstorm a slogan that will help communicate to all students, teachers/school leaders what kind of school environment you want to have for the 2020-21 academic year. Think of something that will be relatable and impactful on school posters, banners, even t-shirts that would help hold your school accountable and a welcoming place for all. You have 10 minutes to discuss some ideas. But no worries this is just a brainstorm. You will present your idea today but no pressure on it being final. Share and discuss some ideas. Think about our discussion because during our next meeting, we will decide on our school slogan and begin to work on our School Action Plan.

**Wrap-Up:** Each person please share one word describing how you feel after going through this activity.