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ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs: Social Sciences- Upcoming Workshops from Facing History and Ourselves

Category: Professional Development

Audience: Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High)

Due Date: n/a
Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): FH_Flyer_Holocaust_and_Human_Behavior- October_21-22_2018.pdf
FH_Flyer_Little_Rock_October_25_and_26,_2018.pdf

To announce upcoming workshops provided by Facing History and Ourselves, a trusted and innovative organization dedicated to providing teachers with skills and strategies that connect students to history.

- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences is offering the following workshops provided by Facing History and Ourselves.
- **About Facing History and Ourselves**
  Facing History and Ourselves has a unique approach to pedagogy, classroom resources, professional development, coaching, and support and equips teachers with the tools and strategies they need to help students become thoughtful, responsible citizens.

  By integrating the study of history, literature, and human behavior with ethical decision making and innovative teaching strategies, Facing History’s program enables secondary school teachers to promote students' historical understanding, critical thinking, and social-emotional learning. As students explore the complexities of history, and make connections to current events, they reflect on the choices they confront today and consider how they can make a difference.

- **Workshop Information:**
- **Sunday, October 21 and Monday, October 22, 2018:** 2 Day Workshop- MyLearningPlan Course Title: Social Sciences- Facing History and Ourselves: Holocaust and Human Behavior – Grades 6-12 ONLY. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Temple Judea- 5500 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, Florida 33146.
  - **Brief Session Descriptions:** Participants will receive the resource book “Holocaust and Human Behavior,” Facing History’s seminal work used by millions of students around the world, and a copy of “Teaching Holocaust and Human Behavior” a 23-lesson unit that leads middle or high school students through an examination of the Holocaust and World War II. Lessons draw on photographs, readings, maps, and videos from our resource book Holocaust and Human Behavior. Students bear witness to the human suffering of the Holocaust and examine the range of responses from individuals and nations. In the unit’s later lessons, students draw connections between this history and
today, reflecting on questions like:
  o How do you achieve justice and reconciliation in the aftermath of atrocities?
  o How should painful histories be remembered?
  o How does this history educate us about our responsibilities in the world today?
  o **Target Audience:** Middle School and Senior High School Social Science teachers,
    Middle School and Senior High School English/Language Arts teachers, and/or
    teachers new to teaching about the Holocaust.

- **Tuesday, October 23, 2018: 1 Day Workshop- MyLearningPlan Course Title:** Social Sciences- Facing History and Ourselves: My Part of the Story. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lawton Chiles Middle School 8190 N.W. 190 Street, Miami, Florida 33015.
  - **Brief Session Description:** This workshop will introduce you to “My Part of the Story”, a Facing History resource that provides a fresh and engaging way to begin a course in United States history, literature, or civic life. This six-lesson unit arrives at a moment in American politics and society when it is more important than ever for all students—regardless of who they are or where they come from—to understand the value of their individual voices in the story of the United States. All participants will receive a copy of the unit.
  - **Target Audience:** Grade 6 U.S. History Teachers. This workshop supports District efforts with Middle School Redesign.

- **Thursday, October 25 and Friday October 26, 2018: 2 Day Workshop- MyLearningPlan Course Title:** Social Sciences- Facing History and Ourselves: Choices in Little Rock. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lawton Chiles Middle School 8190 N.W. 190 Street, Miami, Florida 33015.
  - **Brief Session Description:** Facing History is excited to offer a workshop for English Language Arts and Social Science teachers: “Choices in Little Rock” focuses on efforts to desegregate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957—efforts that resulted in a crisis that historian Taylor Branch once described as "the most severe test of the Constitution since the Civil War." The unit explores civic choices—the decisions people make as citizens in a democracy. We will examine this key moment in U.S. history and learn new ways to engage students in the issues raised by the American civil rights movement and their implications today.
  - **Target Audience:** Senior High School U.S. History and World History teachers, and Senior High School English/Language Arts teachers

- **To Register:** Log into MyLearningPlan and search for the course titles aforementioned.
- Substitute coverage **WILL BE** provided and emailed to participants once they have completed the registration process.
- A Stipend will be paid for the Sunday training.
- Schools are encouraged to only allow **ONE** teacher to register per course.
- See attached flyers for additional information.
- Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, rbrazofksy@dadeschools.net, or see the contact information below.

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