

Dear Equilearn Participant,

We are writing to inform you that regretfully, the Equilearn Focus Sessions in Cadre I, the Lincoln, NE location, Cadre II, the Naperville, IL location, and Cadre III, the Indianapolis, IN location will be cancelled.

As you may know the MAP Center is a part of Indiana University's School of Education at IUPUI. Yesterday afternoon all staff, faculty, and students received a directive from Indiana University President Michael McRobbie to suspend all domestic and international university-sponsored travel, as well as all larger group face-to-face meetings, effective immediately and until at least April 6, 2020. The IUPUI School of Education Dean also has determined that all non-essential personnel, including faculty and staff, are to work from home, effective today. These decisions are based on the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), along with state and county health departments, to help mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the IU community.

Our team has been working hard to plan a dynamic, interactive day of shared learning and networking focused on *Creating Caring Classroom Communities through Culturally Responsive & Sustaining Lesson Planning* and we are disappointed that we will not be able to come together in-person this spring for the Equilearn Focus Session. However, we are committed to creating opportunities to share content related to this topic and will be considering other methods and future opportunities. Please stay tuned for further communications.

We thank you for your interest in the Equilearn Focus Session and your support as we all work to stay safe and healthy during this time of serious public health concerns.

Best wishes,

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