

Conversations of Care with Teachers Prior to the Start of School

Teacher _____ Date _____

Use this guide as you check in with teachers at your school, prior to or right at the start of the school year. Let them know that the purpose of the check-in is to see how they are doing and to find out how you can best support them and their children during this time.

Possible Questions	Notes
<p>Well Being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you doing? • What have your experiences been this past spring and summer that have had an influence on who you are as a person and teacher? • How are your family and friends doing? How are you playing caregiver roles? • How are you managing balancing the needs of others with your own needs? 	
<p>Learning and Growing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What challenges have you come across in your role as a teacher during school closures? • What has been rewarding? And/or what did you end up feeling grateful for in that new role? • What are some ways you did and are still now coping with those challenges? • What are some ways you are using the learning you did to help you grow personally and professionally? • What strategies do you think you gained from distance teaching that you'd like to bring into classroom teaching, and/or continue to use in the event we are teaching virtually? • What else feels important for you to highlight and stress with your children this fall during these pivotal times? • Where are you in your journey of being an anti-racist educator? • -How do you think you can demonstrate that you care and support the children who will be coming to your classroom this fall? • What are you concerned about as children come to school? • What are your hopes for this new group of children? 	

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<p>My Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you feel I could best support you this year, given what we have discussed?• How often would you want to check in with me?• What do you think I could do better or differently for families, children, and our staff this year in order to demonstrate my care and support for them during this time?• What else is on your mind that you would like me to know right now?	