

Introducing...



# Cardinal Circles

*Cultivating Connection Among the Families of Mentor Public Schools*

**Cardinal Circles** provides Mentor Schools' families with new ways to connect with one another and engage with the district. Centered around **affirmation, collaboration, and transformation**, the program offers parents and guardians a chance to come together around their shared interests and experiences and to explore unique resources and opportunities. Cardinal Circles is another way for families to find support, build resilience, and create personal, collective, and systemic growth and change. The program fosters a deeper sense of community throughout Mentor Schools and helps us build a **culture of equity, inclusion, and empowerment** for our students and their families.

The program currently has four Circles, which are:

- **Families of Black Students** - for parents/guardians of Black students in our district
- **Pandemic Parenting** - for connection, support, and resources related to the challenges of raising kids through a global pandemic
- **LGBTQ+ Families** - for parents/guardians who are LGBTQ+ or have LGBTQ+ students
- **Military Families** - for parents/guardians affected by past, present, or upcoming military service

These groups will begin meeting soon, and more Circles will be created based on families' needs and interests. If you'd like more information about Cardinal Circles, the upcoming meetings, or how to create a group, please contact Mentor Schools' Family Engagement Coordinator, Tricia Zeedrich (contact info below).

If you'd like to attend one of the upcoming meetings listed here, please register [here](#). Once you've completed the registration, you'll receive a confirmation email with the meeting's Zoom link. Looking forward to seeing you!

## **Families of Black Students**

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

(link will be provided after registration)

## **Pandemic Parenting**

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

(link will be provided after registration)

## **LGBTQ+ Families**

Thursday, March 4

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

(link will be provided after registration)

## **Military Families**

Tuesday, March 9

6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

(link will be provided after registration)

**Questions? Concerns? Suggestions for Cardinal Circles? Please contact:**

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