

# ASK BIG QUESTIONS

**CAMPUS  
CONVERSATION  
CHALLENGE**

## **HOW CAN WE CHANGE THE WORLD? CHANGE THE CONVERSATION.**

Today, more than ever, we need to invest in talking, listening, and repairing our democratic fabric. Residents and citizens, here and throughout the world, need to connect to and understand one another—not as labels, but as human beings. Take the Conversation Challenge and join the movement to change the world.

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UNDERSTAND YOURSELF.**

## OUR AGREEMENT OF MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

An expectation of mutual responsibility helps create a more trustworthy space where participants agree about how they will interact and their responsibilities to each other and the group.

Brainstorm an Agreement that everyone commits to. Here are key commitments we recommend including:

- 1. UPHOLD CONFIDENTIALITY:** What is said in this conversation stays in this conversation, and may not be repeated outside it.
- 2. SEEK UNDERSTANDING:** We will speak to be understood, not to convince. We will listen to understand, not to compose our own response.
- 3. SPEAK ONLY FOR YOURSELF:** We will each speak from our own experience, using "I" statements whenever possible to help us do so.

**4. PRACTICE GENEROSITY:** We will recognize each other's right to be human, acknowledging that this conversation may evoke strong emotions. These feelings are real and genuine, and we don't need to apologize for them.

**5. OFFER RESPECT:** We will disagree with respect, and with the goal of better understanding others and ourselves.

**6. HOLD THE SILENCE:** We won't rush to fill silences, recognizing that we may need time to gather our thoughts or find our courage to speak.

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# HOW DO WE DISAGREE?

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How do you feel about interpersonal conflict?

When have you had a disagreement that was really painful?

When have you had a really productive disagreement with someone?

Text "Conversation" to 1234 to share your reflections.

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