



"Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

2018 MLK Day

Community Conversation

on Race

JANUARY 15, 2018

***CREATING A SAFE AND JUST SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENT IN LEXINGTON & BEYOND***

Missing out on instruction time can have a devastating impact on educational outcomes for students, particularly time lost due to suspensions. Research has demonstrated that losing instruction time can affect reading achievement and that suspensions are an important predictor of graduation rates and involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Disparity in suspension rates, as found in a review of historical school discipline data, is just one example of how in Lexington, black students and students with disabilities bear the brunt of this loss of opportunity to learn.

[The Lexington Human Rights Committee](#) invites everyone in the Greater Lexington community to bring your hearts and minds to this conversation on racial justice and discipline disparity. This is an opportunity to talk to your neighbors about what each of us can do to ensure that all of our students have equal opportunities to learn and their civil rights are protected.

Doors Open at 8:30 am
Free Coffee and Pastries

Key Note Speaker:
Daniel J. Losen,
co-author of
***Suspended
Education in
Massachusetts***

Program Starts at 9 am
and ends at 10:30 am

Make Friends of
Strangers and
Build Coalitions for
Change

All Ages Welcome

GRACE CHAPEL

**59 Worthen Rd.,
Lexington, MA**

Ample Free Parking

Handicapped Accessible