Celebrating and Reflecting on Juneteenth

Dear TCSPP Community,

Tomorrow, June 19, is Juneteenth. In African American communities across the country, Juneteenth is deeply embedded in the culture. It is a commemoration of the end of slavery and represents an opportunity for all of us to celebrate our country's progress despite imposed obstacles; and a reminder to never forget how things once were, because forgetting allows us to ignore that there is still work to be done.

The past year has brought with it a deeper and broader knowledge of Juneteenth for many of us. I see this new awareness as one of the brightest spots in a year filled with turmoil and growth. Here at TCSPP, we remain committed to our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. I am proud of our community's continued effort toward building an environment of mutual respect and inclusion where all individuals are valued for who they are and what they can contribute.

In honor of Juneteenth, I encourage you to continue to educate yourself about the legacies of slavery and systemic racism. I invite you to join me in continued work and reflection on how we as scholars, practitioners, and community members can contribute to progress and help advance changes that our society needs to thrive and move forward.

Warm regards,
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