

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Glen Rock Parents/Guardians,

On Thursday, April 20 the Glen Rock Public Schools "Journey to Somewhere" speaker series will welcome Ms. Debby Irving, racial justice educator and author of "Waking Up White".

Ms. Irving's visit to Glen Rock will include district staff development and an evening parent program. The Glen Rock Board of Education has approved an early dismissal for students on Thursday, April 20 to allow our staff to learn first-hand from Ms. Irving about her "journey". In the evening, Ms. Irving will engage with the school community.

We invite you to join us at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium for this compelling presentation.

For twenty-five years, Ms. Irving sensed inexplicable racial tension in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan.

I hope you will take advantage of this exciting Glen Rock Public Schools speaker series program.

Sincerely,

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