

Caring Community and Caring Nation Questions for Discussion

1. What have been your most successful interactions with parents and community members? How can you build stronger bridges with parents and community members who have been critical of education?

2. What lessons of history are most important to your commitment as an educator or leader? If you are lucky enough to have parents or grandparents who recall the lessons of the past, ask them what they believe are the most important lessons of history.

3. How have you healed broken relationships? Abraham Lincoln suggested that we start "with malice toward none." How can we apply his guidance today?

4. What fundamental values do we want to pass on to our students? What values of the past, such as a commitment to racial injustice, do we want to reject?

5. How can we engage authentically with those we disagree with and use the lessons of history to help us come together despite those disagreements?