

**Election-Year Symposium for Independent School Heads
*Seeking Civility in Uncivil Times: A Conversation About Schools,
Pluralism, and Political Discourse***

September 4-5, 2024
Sidwell Friends School
Washington, D.C.

Co-sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools, the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington, The Friends Council on Education, and Sidwell Friends School

Wednesday, September 4

5:00-6:30 PM ET Registration and Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 5

8:00-8:45 AM ET Breakfast

8:45-9:15 AM ET Welcome Remarks and Framing

9:15-10:30 AM ET **Keynote on Pluralism**
Eboo Patel, via video

10:30-10:40 AM ET Break

10:45 AM-12:00 PM ET **Panel: The Call for Citizenship**
A discussion of the E.E. Ford Report *Thriving in a World of Pluralistic Contention: A Framework for Schools*
With John Gulla, Dana Weeks, John Austin, and Crissy Cáceres

12:00-1:00 PM ET Lunch

1:00-2:15 PM ET Concurrent Sessions—Round 1

In Your Shoes Empathy Protocol
With Georgetown University's Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics

Statements and Civil Discourse: Strategies and Possibilities for Heads on Making Statements and Civil Discourse Rules of Engagement

With Bryan Garman, Mitch Malkus, and Tracy Sweet

Speaking and Listening

With Bob Mattingly, Nicole Furlong, and Clare Sisisky

Political Discourse in the Classroom

With Close Up Foundation

2:30-3:45 PM ET

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3:45-4:00 PM ET

Wrap Up and Feedback