

GLOUCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



RESOLUTION

AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020, BY A MOTION MADE BY TROY ANDERSEN, AND DULY SECONDED BY ELISA NELSON, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE RECORDED VOTE BELOW:

ROBIN M. RICE, CHAIRPERSON	<u>AYE</u>
ELISA A. NELSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON	<u>AYE</u>
TROY M. ANDERSEN, MEMBER	<u>AYE</u>
GEORGE R. BURAK, MEMBER	<u>AYE</u>
BRENDA F. MACK, MEMBER	<u>AYE</u>
DARREN P. POST, MEMBER	<u>AYE</u>
ANITA F. PARKER, MEMBER	<u>AYE</u>

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACISM AND AFFIRMING THE DIVISION'S COMMITMENT TO AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

WHEREAS, members of the Gloucester County School Board, as well as the Gloucester County Public Schools staff, are saddened and outraged that prejudice and injustice still persists in our country;

WHEREAS, racism and hate have no place in our schools or our society, and we must protect the Constitutional rights of every person who lives, works and learns in our community;

WHEREAS, we must listen. Those who have endured discrimination and intolerance deserve to be heard as they share the stories and truth about their experiences and feelings, and we must seek with great empathy to understand their challenges and their pain;

WHEREAS, we must learn. It is time to engage our community in meaningful and honest conversation about racial inequality, to build alliances with those committed to justice for all, and to work together to support our shared conviction that racism must end;

WHEREAS, we must lead. We must act to stop racial injustice that harms our families, friends, neighbors, students, staff members, and fellow Americans. Each of us, individually and collectively, is responsible for creating and nurturing a learning environment where every child is respected and valued for who they are, regardless of

their skin color. We must actively acknowledge, address and prevent racial bias that may occur as a result of division policies, practices and actions; and

WHEREAS, we must do better. Our school division will remain a sanctuary of safety in our community and a beacon of light for the world, as we build and strengthen trust with those we serve, and we model the acceptance of all people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, members of the Gloucester County School Board, stand steadfast in our commitment to foster an inclusive educational environment where every student, teacher, support professional, parent, and community member is treated with dignity and respect, as well as our commitment to continue fighting for racial justice and human and civil rights for all.

Approved by the Gloucester County School Board this 9th day of June, 2020.

Signed: _____



Gloucester County School Board Chair