

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Supporting a Call                     )  
For Freedom Summer 2020                             )

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the murder of George Floyd while in police custody on Memorial Day, 2020, has laid bare the persistence of racism within American society; and

**WHEREAS**, 400 years of racial inequality have also been exposed by the different ways the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted communities of color, resulting in higher rates of infection and higher morbidity rates; and

**WHEREAS**, as San Diego Unified prepares to physically reopen schools on August 31, 2020, our goal should not simply be to recreate the system in place before March 13, 2020, rather we should seek to reopen as a better system, one focused on rooting out systemic racism in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, this commitment is consistent with our past action by the board and the school leadership that has worked to address racial inequality. The most prominent results of these efforts have been improved preparation and graduation rates for African American students, higher academic achievement rates for students of color and a commitment to teach the history of all peoples through ethnic studies; and

**WHEREAS**, following the death of George Floyd, San Diego Unified has continued to work on equity issues, celebrating the Juneteenth holiday for the first time and banning carotid artery holds by School Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the many hundreds of our students who have taken part in Black Lives Matter protests -- students of all races and ethnicities -- call on us to do more to eliminate the underlying foundations of racism in our society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that San Diego Unified shall designate the Summer of 2020 as Freedom Summer and focus on eliminating those barriers that prevent our students of color from receiving an equitable education; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that under the direction of the Superintendent, led by the Division specifically charged with advocating for our students of color, the Department of Youth Advocacy will collaborate with students to plan for a Board workshop during the month of July on the issue of racial justice and inequity. The focus of the workshop will be on reviewing and strengthening the district's key strategies in achieving racial justice and equity, with an emphasis on student voice. The topics to be reviewed should include:

- Interrupting discriminatory practices related to student discipline
- Interrupting Racism on our campuses, building safe, respectful and nurturing campuses
- Interrupting discriminatory practices related to grading, while moving to mastery based grading
- Staff Diversity
- Progress towards becoming a Restorative District
- Progress toward becoming a Trauma & Resilience Informed District
- Developing Community Schools
- Implementation of Ethnic Studies for All

The Freedom Summer workshop should include a review of relevant data reflecting our progress at eliminating education barriers based on race with an emphasis on student voices in the workshop.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2020.

  
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Approved in public meeting of the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District on 6/23/2020

  
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