

Resolution

MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20/21-01

Recognizing June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

WHEREAS, the month of June is the time that many in our nation, recognize Juneteenth as the holiday that celebrates Emancipation Day, the day in history when the last state ratified the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, this date marks the time period where African Americans of Texas received notice from President Lincoln that slavery had been abolished a declaration that was codified in the 13th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, June 19th also marks the day that African Americans in the southern states exercised independence from those who benefitted from their labors in the founding of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the journey of African Americans represents both great achievements and great hardship; and

WHEREAS, our nation is currently witnessing the injustice of the African American journey that have existed for far too long, this June 19th celebration weighs heavily on our hearts and our minds in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd and others who have not been treated equally under the law; and

WHEREAS, the pain and anguish displayed on our national stage developed from generations of systemic racism that impacts our students, families, staff and communities.

WHEREAS, the educational institutions of this nation, including FCPS has a particular responsibility to recognize the painful realities of our history and to make sure that our curriculum reflects these realities; and

WHEREAS, working with the community, the Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District is committed to identifying actionable items to improve policies and procedures to improve access to opportunities to ensure that students, families, and staff do not experience inequities in the schools of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

WHEREAS, we value diversity and are united in our opposition to racism and hate. We stand in solidarity with our African American students, educators, staff and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District hereby officially commemorates Juneteenth as a day to celebrate and emphasize a collective call to action against injustice of any kind.

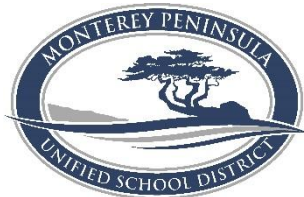
Passed on this twenty-eighth day of July, 2020

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