

International Week of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

WHEREAS, The Elk Grove Unified School District believes that equity is a fundamental component of student success and equity is when all staff focus on promoting practices to close persistent gaps of opportunity, access, achievement, expectations and resources where equality and nondiscrimination are:

- Integrated into the mindset, work and lives of every student, teacher and staff member.
- Recognized as core institutional values and informs thinking, policies and practices throughout our schools.
- Inherently intertwined with academic excellence and the goal of developing leaders for a globally inclusive society.

WHEREAS, With this belief, the Elk Grove Unified District will ensure that decisions, policies and practices are supportive of students' learning, growth, and development fostering the ultimate goal of all students becoming college, career and life ready.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations decided that a week of solidarity with the peoples struggling against racism and racial discrimination, beginning on the 21st of March, would be organized annually in all States, the week of March 21-27 will be a Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination.

WHEREAS, The theme of promoting tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination supports that every person is entitled to human rights without discrimination and the rights to equality and that non-discrimination are cornerstones of human rights law per Article 1 and 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

WHEREAS, Racism, xenophobia and intolerance are problems prevalent in all societies, and discriminatory practices are widespread, particularly targeting migrants and refugees as well as people of African descent, states are urged to take comprehensive measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to promote tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that every day, each and every one of us can stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes and ask that the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District support and recognize March 21 as the International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and that we encourage schools, students, parent and the community to join us in fighting racism and standing up for human rights!

#StandUp4HumanRights #FightRacism #JoinTogether #AfricanDescent