



## **Bloomington School Board**

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Endorsement of Safe & Supportive Schools**

June 22, 2020

**WHEREAS,** The education and safety of the children of **Bloomington Public Schools (ISD 271)** are our top priorities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bloomington School Board is committed to the success of all students by providing a safe, secure and supportive school district; and

**WHEREAS,** As leaders of ISD 271, we are compelled to speak out in response to recent events that have called attention to racist attitudes and actions, and other forms of systemic racism which has a profound impact on our students, families, staff and community; and

**WHEREAS,** Students and families are expressing fear, sadness and concerns for their safety, heightened because of intolerant rhetoric; and

**WHEREAS,** We believe each of us, individually and collectively, are responsible for nurturing anti-racist educational learning environments where all children are respected and valued for who they are regardless of skin color, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or disability, immigration status, religion or any other category; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing a safe and supportive school environment that ensures the physical and emotional safety of students and staff creates the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement:

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved,** Bloomington Public Schools (ISD 271):

1. Condemns all hateful speech and systemic racism directed at Black, Indigenous and people of color;
2. Commits to fostering a school environment that promotes respect for and curiosity about all cultures, affirms the equal humanity of all members of the community, and rejects all forms of bullying and discrimination;
3. Commits to instituting School Board goals and policies, and district educational curriculum that reflect the values expressed in this resolution, and to reform current policies through an equity lens;
4. Pledges to refresh its strategic plan with an emphasis on our safe and supportive schools plan.