

Azusa Unified School District
Resolution #20-21:27

A resolution on our commitment to the safety and well-being of our Asian American and Pacific Islander students, employees, families, and community members and denouncing xenophobia due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District believes that we have a special responsibility to understand and intentionally work to eliminate racism in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationship with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other because our collective future depends on it; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District celebrates the rich diversity of its school community and recognizes students, families, and employees of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who are valued members of the school district; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District recognizes the role of current events in the teaching of tolerance and understanding, and the value and strength of diversity; and

Whereas: Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are suffering acts of discrimination, hate crimes, and macroaggressions due to fears of COVID-19; and

Whereas: scientists have confirmed that the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District is especially aware of the trauma and isolation that is accompanying the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District affirms its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and ensures that they are not alone and will be supported in helping to stop the spread of xenophobia; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District stands in solidarity with our Asian American and Pacific Islander communities; and

Whereas: Azusa Unified School District stands against discrimination among all persons regardless of national origin, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, and abilities;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Azusa Unified School District Board of Education continue to support our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and denounce any and all xenophobia related to COVID-19 and beyond; and

**Be it further
Resolved,**

that the Azusa Unified School District Board of Education calls on all residents and leaders to join us in condemning racist attacks against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in all forms; and

**Be it further
Resolved,**

that the Azusa Unified School District recognizes the tremendous contributions made by our Asian American and Pacific Islanders communities and affirms its commitment to support the social, emotional, and physical needs of all students.

*Adopted the 13th day of
April 2021 by the
Board of Education*

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