



Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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Dear Sedro-Woolley School District families,

We would like to take a moment to reflect on the tragic murder of George Floyd along with the resulting tensions occurring across the United States. The persistence of systemic racism and aggression against Black, Brown, Indigenous and people of color is deeply disturbing and our nation has been shaken with grief and outrage. The Sedro-Woolley School District strongly condemns racial injustices of any kind.

These events serve as a reminder of the importance of schools for students, our community, our nation, and our world. Classrooms are gathering places for much more than education — they help us recognize, understand, and appreciate our differences. Schools are diverse places where youth can learn acceptance and belonging. As a district, we have a responsibility to do our part to foster empathy and kindness. We continue our commitment to helping our students learn about our country's long and continuing struggle to live our ideals of liberty and justice for all.

Our district is committed to being a safe and welcoming learning environment where all students have a deep sense of belonging, regardless of their skin color. We believe deeply in ensuring students are both socially and emotionally safe, supported, and engaged to understand and accept diverse thinking, ethnicity, and skin color. Our district continues to put policies and practices into place to ensure that everyone in our learning community has the opportunity to learn and work in an equitable environment where they are treated with dignity and respect, free from bullying or harassment.

We acknowledge that we still have a great deal of work to do, and together we will continue this focus. However, we remain committed to eliminating racism and hatred within our community. Today, I asked district staff to reflect on the important role they play in this work. I make the same request to you and our entire community. We encourage you to have discussion around racism, justice, and equity. These conversations may be difficult, but courageous conversations impact our understanding, positive change and growth.

To all our Black students and families, including students and families of color: you matter. We see you. We hear you. We support you. You matter to us. We will stand together.

Sincerely,

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