

LWPTSA Council Anti-racism Statement

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“In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.” – Angela Y. Davis

We have been called to action by the Washington State PTA’s resolution on dismantling institutional and systemic racism (2020) to take an anti-racist stance, and we do so with full support for the intended outcomes of the resolution. We fully embrace that PTA speaks with one voice for every child. We stand in solidarity with our families of Asian descent against the recent rising tide of anti-Asian racism and violence. We stand in solidarity with our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) families and students against the rise in attacks, crimes, and rhetoric against BIPOC communities in our country. Lake Washington PTSA Council recognizes that it can either be a racist or anti-racist association – neutrality on this issue does not support our mission. Therefore, we will actively support anti-racist policies, programs, and practices to build strong and inclusive communities. We commit to taking a conscious and active role in dismantling systemic and institutional racism by raising awareness through education and advocacy, working with PTA leaders, and supporting our community so that all children feel safe and welcome.

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Resources

National PTA Statement on Violence Against Asian Americans <https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/PTA-Newsroom/news-list/news-detail-page/2021/03/22/national-pta-statement-on-violence-against-asian-americans>