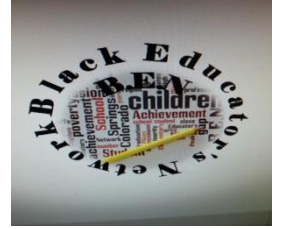


Black Educators' Network Statement of Solidarity for Equity and Inclusion



We stand for equity. We stand for justice. We stand in solidarity with peaceful protests that allow people of color to have their voices heard especially in this time of heartache, hurt and grief.

The killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbury, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin and so many others has highlighted the real and ongoing struggles of Black people to live. To pursue happiness. To achieve the American dream.

That is why the Black Educators' Network is here. To provide support and the promotion of educators of Color to be able to inspire, lead, and teach our youth to live in a diverse world where racial difference isn't scary, but integral to the success of our community.

Every day, the Black Educators' Network advocates and champions the retention of Black educators in our school systems and for equitable programming, resources and rigor for students of color. We provide ongoing mentoring to help educators hone their craft. We partner with local institutions and businesses to promote literacy through our annual Multicultural literacy festival. We take our skillsets, experiences and passion to further promote Culturally Responsive Teaching practices for educating children and youth of color through speaking at local, state and national conferences and forums. Today, this charge is even more important as we stand for our black educators, students and families as they face additional inequities due to COVID-19.

It is up to us and our community to continue to solve the problems of injustice, discrimination, and systemic racism; and to support one another as we grieve, heal, and demand change in policies, traditions and laws that keep us from living the American dream. We invite you to join us in our work.

Let's Talk - gather with us as we express feelings of solidarity.

Virtual meeting invite Time: Jun 11, 2020 @6:15 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

FB Event @ Black Educators' Network

To support self and our communities/ join in our fight, refer to these resources:

1. **Start with Self-Care -Cope with Tragedy** - <https://www.jedfoundation.org/press-pause/>
2. **Common Sense Media** - Free resources about race & racism for parents and educators <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/common-sense-media-resources-about-race-and-racism> -
3. **Embrace Race** - Focus is on raising a brave generation on the topic of race. Includes resources on books, webinars, articles and action guides <https://www.embracerace.org/>

In Unity,

The Black Educators' Network