

RESOLUTION #21-03

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACISM AND AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA TO AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The School Board of Clay County, Florida (“the Board”), acting as the governing body of the School District of Clay County, Florida (“the District”), finds as follows:

WHEREAS, members of The School Board of Clay County, are saddened and outraged by recent events that demonstrate injustice and inequity; and

WHEREAS, racism and hate have no place in our schools or our society, and we must protect the Constitutional rights of every person who lives, works and learns in our community; and

WHEREAS, we must act to stop injustice based on race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, political affiliation, or zip code that harms and anguishes people who are our family, friends, neighbors, students, staff members, and fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, education leaders are charged with ensuring that each of our children has equitable access to excellent educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, no student should confront bias, harassment, prejudice, hatred, or discrimination in our schools or communities; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that safe and enjoyable learning environments are established and maintained for all students in all communities; and

WHEREAS, our district can be and will be a sanctuary of safety in our community and a beacon of light for the State of Florida and the world as we build and strengthen trust with those we serve, and we model the acceptance of all people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, members of The School Board of Clay County, Florida, stand steadfast in our commitment to foster an inclusive educational environment where every student, teacher, support professional, parent, and community member is treated with dignity and respect, as well as our commitment to continue fighting for justice and human and civil rights for all.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the School Board of Clay County,
Florida, this 6th day of August, 2020.

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