

Resolution 20-21-22
San Mateo Union High School District
Denouncing Hate Crimes and Bigotry Targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

WHEREAS, the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Chinese for Affirmative Action launched a hate incident-reporting internet website, titled "Stop AAPI Hate," at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020, which documented over 2,800 hate incidents against Asian-American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in 2020 with over 700 of these incidents occurring in the Bay Area of California; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, 8 people (6 being Asian, 2 white, 7 women) were gunned down in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, hateful rhetoric and misinformation has led to racism, scapegoating, xenophobia, bullying, and violence in our school communities currently severely affects our AAPI community.

Whereas, the COVID pandemic has brought scapegoating of immigrant and minority communities to the forefront;

Whereas, according to the ACLU, scapegoating of immigrant and minority communities during a pandemic is nothing new; during all pandemics rise in abuse, misinformation, discrimination, xenophobia, violence, hate has been documented as more common.

Whereas, immigrant and minority communities do not represent a greater risk of spreading any infectious disease.

Whereas the spreading of this type of narrative and other misinformation directly affects our students and school communities. This type of behavior promotes fear, disconnection, mistrust, and an array of mental health problems.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED the San Mateo Union High School District is committed to creating an environment that is united, inclusive, and respectful of all members of our school communities; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo Union High School District Board of Trustees denounces hate crimes, hateful rhetoric, and hateful acts against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and works to ensure that AAPI students, staff

and community members feel safe and welcome, both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: MEMBERS _____

NOES: MEMBERS _____

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS _____

ABSENT: MEMBERS _____

President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees