

The Governor's Educator Advisory Council Social Justice and Anti-Racial Introduction

Public education is the great equalizer. It is the panacea to our society's ills. It is the force that is supposed to level the playing field, giving all children equal access to a healthy, happy, and dignified life. But for too long, our schools have reflected the inequities of our society rather than working to rectify them. That is why, in the pivotal moment in our nation's history, we believe all educators must take a stance. It is not enough to be non-racist; we must be actively and unequivocally **anti-racist**. And so the Michigan Governor's Educator Advisory Council has adopted the following in order to make our stance clear and to guide educators as they seek out resources for their students.

Our **Proclamation for Social Justice** is a document that, though long overdue, is a timely reminder to us all of our moral imperative. There should be no inequities among groups of children, least of all on the basis of race. We see these as fault lines that will only exacerbate the problems of our society. We see these discrepancies in education as a call to conscience for us all. Classrooms are some of the most powerful places in the world, and this proclamation is a commitment to the children of our state that we will use our power for good.

The **Social Justice & Anti-Racist Educator Resources** is a comprehensive document meant to make fulfilling the commitment to anti-racism more accessible to all educators. We understand that educators are busy, particularly in these times of overwhelming uncertainty and change, so our members have compiled these resources for all educators. Most importantly, this is a living document—one that we plan to update with your input (see the [Google Form](#)). While this moment is especially ripe for anti-racism education, we hope that these resources become a permanent part of every educator's pedagogy until the need for them becomes history.

