

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HMONG, ASIAN AMERICAN  
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the School District of La Crosse is committed to a learning environment that is physically, socially and emotionally safe for all students; and,

WHEREAS, the School District of La Crosse is committed to cultivating a climate in all our schools and our community that is welcoming, safe, and inclusive for all people; and,

WHEREAS, the School District of La Crosse recognizes that our Hmong and Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has historically experienced and continues to experience discrimination and racism that results in negative experiences and outcomes for students and families; and,

WHEREAS, misinformation and false allegations of blame about COVID-19 has fueled hate and racism against Hmong and AAPI communities; and,

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in recent years of microaggressions, discrimination, shunning and other forms of violence against Hmong and AAPI communities; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a significant rise in recent years in anti-Asian American violence and hate crimes against Hmong and AAPI individuals and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the School District of La Crosse Board of Education supports and values our Hmong and AAPI students and families; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District of La Crosse Board of Education supports the right of Hmong and AAPI students and families to live free of violence and fear; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School District of La Crosse Board of Education supports reporting mechanisms for hate crimes, investigation of hate crimes, and safety for those who report hate crimes against Hmong and AAPI individuals; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School District of La Crosse Board of Education commits to partnering with public and private organizations to understand and address individual and institutional racism as it relates to the Hmong and AAPI community and ensuring our Hmong and AAPI students, families, and staff are aware of these efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the School District of La Crosse on a unanimous vote on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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Laurie Cooper Stoll, President

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Dawn Comeau, Clerk