

TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolution No. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSING PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLICLY FUNDED CHARTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, OR MATERIALS PROMOTING "CRITICAL RACE THEORY" OR ADVOCATING SIMILAR DIVISIVE CONCEPTS RELATING TO SEX, RACE, ETHNICITY, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN

WHEREAS, the Tulpehocken Area School District is a public school district charged with providing a quality education to students residing within its jurisdictional limits from Kindergarten to 12th Grade;

WHEREAS, the stated Mission and Vision of the Tulpehocken Area School District is "When we EXPECT the most of ourselves and our community and we BELIEVE in the inborn ability of all children to attain the knowledge and skills necessary to realize their full potential in life we will ACHIEVE great things";

WHEREAS, a quality education, in keeping with the above Statement, requires that the School District promote harmony and demand fair and equal treatment of all in the school community, free of discrimination based upon characteristics, including but not limited to sex, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin;

WHEREAS, there has been a movement to attempt to use curricula and instructional materials in the public schools derived from or based upon the concept of "Critical Race Theory" and similar concepts;

WHEREAS, "Critical Race Theory" and related concepts and doctrines can be based upon assumptions of inherent privilege, advantage, and/or victimization/oppression due to sex, race, ethnicity, color, national origin and other identities;

WHEREAS, concepts such as "Critical Race Theory" and similar concepts, may make generalizations based upon identities such as sex, race, ethnicity, color, and national origin, and emphasize oppression and victimization on the individual, interpersonal, institutional, and systemic levels based on these characteristics;

WHEREAS, the School District is concerned with the impact of doctrines and concepts such as "Critical Race Theory" as promoting collective guilt and defeatism, contrary to the School District's high expectations of unlimited potential for all students and commitment to equal opportunity for all members of the School District community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District, that this Board opposes the use of curriculum, textbooks, lessons, instructional materials, and other teaching based solely upon "Critical Race Theory" and similar concepts which make generalizations or assumptions of inherent advantage or disadvantage based upon sex, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin in public schools and publicly funded charter schools; and it is declared to be the policy of the Board of School Directors that "Critical Race Theory" and similar concepts are contrary to the mission and vision of the School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tulpehocken Area School District re-affirms its commitment to non-discrimination based upon characteristics, such as sex, race, religion, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or other characteristics protected by law, and to equal opportunity in all educational programs and in employment, and further resolves that the District affirms its Mission and Vision Statement that "When we EXPECT the most of ourselves and our community and we BELIEVE in the inborn ability of all children to attain the knowledge and skills necessary to realize their full potential in life we will ACHIEVE great things";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be posted by the Board Secretary on the District's website; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors may amend this Resolution as it deems necessary and appropriate from time to time.

RESOLVED by this Board of School Directors this 20th day of July 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF
THE TULPEHOCKEN SCHOOL
DISTRICT



President

Attest:



Secretary

