

RESOLUTION 20-16

**BAYSHORE ELEMENARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ACKNOWLEDGING JUNETEENTH AND AFFIRMING BLACK LIVES IN BAYSHORE
ELEMENTARY**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing the enslaved in the South and the rest of the United States. However, many, if not all, southern slave owners ignored that order. On June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and enforced the president's order, freeing the enslaved two and a half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, systems of oppression have continued in the United States since June 19, 1865; such as segregated schools and communities, disparities in educational outcomes that include but are not limited to higher suspension rates among Black students, over-policing of Black students, and disproportionate representation of Black students within Special Education; and

WHEREAS, the impact of inadequate representation of Black educators and inconsistency of culturally relevant practices affects the physical and mental health, safety, and the education of Black students; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging these forms of institutionalized racism is an imperative step to support the work of Bayshore Elementary in dismantling institutionalized and systemic racism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayshore Elementary School District Board of Education recognizes Juneteenth, June 19, as

1. an annual celebration of the past, present, and future of Black liberation and those who work towards that liberation that is recognized on the Bayshore Annual Calendar; and
2. a constant reminder to continue to work towards eliminating educational disparities within Bayshore Elementary Schools; and
3. an opportunity to recognize the impact, achievements, and contributions from Black staff, teachers, administrators, and students to the Bayshore community at large.
4. an opportunity to teach our students the history of our nation's plight, encourage them to stand up to injustice, make their voices heard, and find a better way to make a positive change for their future.

Adopted June 8, 2021



David Rudolph, President


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