

**BEACON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
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**At a Board of Education Meeting (Canvass of the Votes) held on June 17, 2020, the following statement was adopted 8-1 by the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District. The results of the vote were as follows:

Anthony White, Nay	Meredith Heuer, Yay	Elissa Betterbid, Yay,	James Case-Leal, Yay
Kristan Flynn, Yay	Michael Rutkoske, Yay	Flora Stadler, Yay	Antony Tseng, Yay
Craig Wolf, Yay			

June 17, 2020

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

The BCSD Board of Education adopted this statement at this evening's meeting.

We the Board of Education for the Beacon City School District are deeply moved by the protests and major shifts in the national conversation around race and racism in our public institutions in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and all other victims of institutional violence and discrimination.

We want to take this moment to reiterate our collective commitment to equity in our schools while also recognizing that we still have much to learn and change in order to fully address racism in our own institutions. We recognize that our schools have not always succeeded at this and apologize to those we have failed to serve.

We thank the many members of our community for their work helping to push this to the forefront of our attention. It is an emergency that we plan to address with the utmost urgency

We are scheduling a workshop on June 22 to discuss these issues and develop strategies in the near and long term to ensure that our schools live up to the promise of providing an exemplary education to ALL students. We welcome any input from our communities about how we can best accomplish this goal.

We stand in solidarity. Black Lives Matter.