

**Seattle School District #1  
Board Resolution**

**Resolution No. 2014/15-10**



**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington reaffirming the Board's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of every District student, especially of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous students.

**WHEREAS**, the School Board recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board recognizes the fact that Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the City of Seattle; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and institutionalized racism, and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of our District; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Seattle School Board of Directors strongly encourages District staff to include the teaching of the history, culture, and governments of the indigenous peoples of our state, as recommended by Chapter 205, Session Laws of 2005; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Seattle School Board of Directors commits to amend Policy No. 2336, Required Observances, to observe the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the School Board commits to continue its support of the well-being and growth of every District student, especially of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous students.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Sharon Peaslee, President

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Betty Patu, Vice-President

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Stephan Blanford, Member

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Harium Martin-Morris, Member

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Martha McLaren, Member

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Sue Peters, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Larry Nyland, Interim Superintendent  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Seattle School District No. 1  
King County, WA