

Proclamation

Indigenous Peoples Day

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

- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Public Schools 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 Seattle Public Schools 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 Seattle Public Schools 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 charter of the City of Seattle; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Public Schools 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 Seattle Public Schools seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination stemming from colonization and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of our District; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Public Schools promotes educational excellence 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; and
- WHEREAS,** SB 5433 requires the teaching of the history, government and contemporary issues of the 29 federally recognized tribes of Washington state; and
- WHEREAS,** the School Board of Directors has mandated through Policy No. 2336, Required Observances, to observe the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

THEREFORE, all schools are encouraged to support the well-being and growth of American Indian and Indigenous students and recognize the contributions of Native Peoples on October 12, Indigenous Peoples Day. October 12, 2020 is hereby proclaimed as Indigenous Peoples Day and celebrated across Seattle Public Schools.



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Seattle Public Schools
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