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**ESCONDIDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PASSES RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RACISM**

**Escondido, CA** - Escondido Union High School District (EUHSD) held a special board meeting Thursday, June 24 to pass a resolution denouncing racism, racial discrimination, and support for equity, safety, and well-being of all students.

The decision to pass the resolution came days after last Saturday's CIF championship basketball game held between Orange Glen and Coronado High where members of the Coronado community threw tortillas at Orange Glen athletes following an overtime defeat of the team.

"We called this special meeting this evening to publicly resolve that in the Escondido Union High School District we are against all forms of racial discrimination, racism and united in our support for equity, safety, and the well-being of all students," said Board President Tina Pope at this evening's meeting.

The resolution reads:

**RESOLUTION #R2020-2021/31**

**ESCONDIDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, CULTURAL DISRESPECT, AND  
SUPPORTING SAFETY, RESPECT, AND THE VALUE OF ALL STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, we have a moral obligation to provide a safe, equitable, and high-quality education for all students; and

WHEREAS, schools are the cornerstones of communities, and educators can play a powerful role in changing people's perceptions and processes; and

WHEREAS, the Escondido Union High School District continues to take an unwavering stand against racism in all forms including cultural disrespect; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we – individually and collectively – must create nurturing learning environments where every student has equitable access and opportunity, regardless of their skin color or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the Escondido Union High School District values the different cultures and ethnicities of our workforce and further our commitment to inclusive leadership and respectful working environments where each person is treated with deference and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Escondido Union High School District is committed to serving all students by providing resources and guidance to help educators and students combat racism; and

WHEREAS, the Escondido Union High School District has established an Equity and Cultural Proficiency Committee to design a system of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all students, families, and staff.

WHEREAS, the Escondido Union High School District Equity and Cultural Proficiency Committee will provide recommendations for revised classroom and district practices, policies, and procedures related to an increased educational environment of inclusion and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Escondido Union High School District Board of Education and Superintendent reaffirm their commitments to fighting racism in all forms through a safe and high quality education for all students and an inclusive working environment for all employees.

1. EUHSD denounces discrimination, racism, and negative sentiments against any group. We will not tolerate racist treatment of any members of our community, and we will speak out against racism and discriminatory practices in our society.
2. EUHSD will confront the biases in our own school district and actively engage in the challenging work of dismantling the problematic practices that limit opportunities for our students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Escondido Union High School District, County of San Diego, State of California, this 24 day of June 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

The Governing Board of Education of the Escondido Union High School District, together with the District Superintendent, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting on the date shown above and by the vote above stated.

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### **About Escondido Union High School District**

The Escondido Union High School District has empowered students to graduate prepared for college, career, and life through excellence in learning for more than 125 years. The district serves nearly 7,500

students across three comprehensive high schools: Escondido, Orange Glen, and San Pascual. The Del Lago Academy, the continuation school Valley High, and the Escondido Adult School are also part of the district, which employs more than 900 staff members. The district offers more than 180 courses, including nationally recognized Advanced Placement courses, College & Career Technical Education, Independent Study, after school enrichment, career exploration, STEM opportunities, and more.