

Dear Members,

Silence is not the way to deal with the events of the past week. The murder of George Floyd has caused many in our nation to take a hard look at who we are and what we stand for when racism and hate come to the forefront of our national news and daily lives.

The protests across our nation cannot be ignored. As educators we can't allow this week to go by without taking the time to directly address the harm that racism and hate cause. We need to carry on open conversations with our children and each other now more than ever. Just saying we are not racist is not enough. We must all step up and take anti-racist action. As educators we can do that by educating ourselves and our students on active anti-racism. What can we do to stop the cycle? The Mercer Island Education Association continues to work every day to acknowledge and guide our members to stand up against racism and hate. I hope you will take the time to read the following links:

<https://www.washingtonea.org/we-are-wea/weareblog/>



Blog | Washington Education Association

Members are still hard at work serving our students, their families and our communities. Here is a compilation of our most recent member features.

www.washingtonea.org

<http://www.nea.org/home/76172.htm> to Education Minnesota that has great resources to help respond to George Floyd's murder.



NEA President issues statement about killing of George Floyd

NEA President Lily Eskelsen García issued the following statement about the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers: "The National Education Association understands the deep racial history and trauma caused by the culture of white supremacy, and we believe that to ...

www.nea.org

https://www.educationminnesota.org/advocacy/Social-justice/George-Floyd?fbclid=IwAR1KD-5uvxOuTzdccieGg1nttMOApu9h6cbA5FipJw7Ish-kQZOq_i4k7N4

Education Minnesota - Justice for George Floyd

The horrifying and senseless death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police has thrown Minnesota into a state of grief and turmoil. Here's what you can do. www.educationminnesota.org

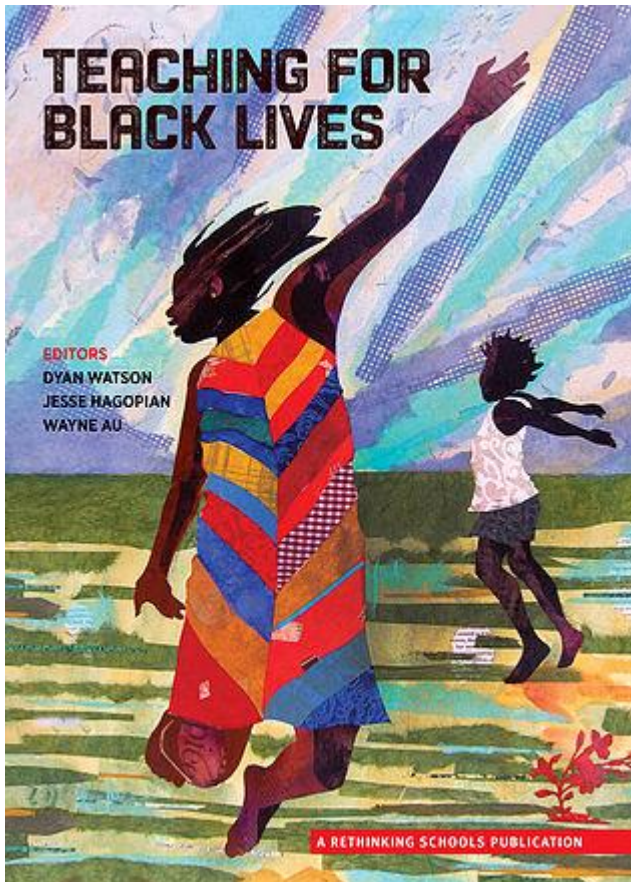
<https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/tolerance-lessons/a-living-history>



A Living History

Students can make a pledge to help end continued racism. www.tolerance.org

<https://blacklivesmatteratschool.com/teaching-materials/>



Teaching Materials – Black Lives Matter At School

Announcing the 2020 Curriculum Resource Guide The national Black Lives Matter At School coalition's brilliant Curriculum Committee worked this year to bring you lessons for every grade level the relate to the 13 principles of Black Lives Matter. Here is the 2020 Curriculum Resource Guide--free, downloadable lessons to challenge racism, oppression and build happy and...

blacklivesmatteratschool.com

Stay well, stand up and be informed!

Sincerely,

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