Highline School District No. 401 RESOLUTION 01-17

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Highline School District No. 401, King County, Washington, supporting the Highline Public Schools commitment to serve all students in an equitable and inclusive environment.

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of Highline Public Schools is to ensure that every student is known by name, strength and need and graduates ready for college, career and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of our students is an asset that makes each classroom, each school, and the district overall stronger, more innovative, and more focused on the world beyond our walls; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to maintaining safe and healthy environments conducive to learning, where each student thrives, regardless of their background, language, race, sexual orientation, status, or other characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that encouraging, inclusive and respectful environments, where students know they are safe, nurtured, welcomed, respected, and included, help students achieve their potential and allow them to be successful; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to maintaining school communities where all students, families, and staff are safe, respected and valued, and where students can engage in the learning process without fear of bullying, harassment, or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, equity and social justice are cornerstone values for our district, and we are committed to the enhancement and continuous improvement of learning environments that communicate the acceptance, worth, and importance of each student; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is committed to governing the district through a lens of equity and social justice and to developing and maintaining structures throughout the district that support this lens, including in hiring decisions, professional development, and course and lesson development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 proclaims our district as united against hate and discrimination, and united with our students, families and staff who seek to foster equity in every aspect of their lives. The Board of Directors and Superintendent commit to model and enforce the values in this resolution, and ask each staff member to join in this commitment to our students.

ADOPTED this 18 day of January, 2017.

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I, Susan Enfield, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 01-17 for the use and purpose intended.

Susan Enfield, Ed.L

Secretary to the Board