

The Opportunity, Equity and Inclusion Department at the Lake Washington School District condemns the nationwide racist and xenophobic actions targeting our Asian and Asian-American communities.

Since the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, [over 2800 attacks](#) were reported against Asian and Asian-American people, communities, and businesses. These anti-Asian sentiments and violence have been fueled by political rhetoric and misplaced blame when the coronavirus started to spread across the country. Nearing the year-long anniversary of the battle in this pandemic, [there has been an unnerving wave and rise of anti-Asian hate crimes, attacks, and murders](#).

We full heartedly support our Asian and Asian-American families, students, and staff in LWSD. We stand up courageously against all forms of racism, and we must fight it with solidarity. Most importantly, we advocate, acknowledge, and appreciate the strength and diversity that our Asian communities bring to our schools.

*To learn more about ways we can stand up for our LWSD community, the OEI department recommends the following resources in response and support of our Asian and Asian-American students and families.*

	Resource	Link/Overview
<b>Resources To Educate</b>	President Biden’s Memorandum	President Biden <a href="#">memorandum</a> condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
	PBS News Hour	<a href="#">Video Q&amp;A: “How to Address the Surge in Anti-Asian Hate Crimes”</a>
	The Takeaway	Podcast: <a href="#">“Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, Anti-Asian Violence Spikes Across the U.S.”</a> (start at 1:30)
	NPR	Podcast: <a href="#">“The Rise in Anti-Asian Attacks During the COVID-19 Pandemic”</a>
<b>Resources To Support Our Youth</b>	Act to Change	<a href="#">Racism is a Virus Toolkit</a> : Strategies on how to stand against bullying, racism, and xenophobia in the face of COVID-19.
	Learning for Justice	<a href="#">How to Respond to the Coronavirus Racism</a>
	Learning for Justice	<a href="#">Speaking Up Against Racism Around the Coronavirus</a>
	Talk Story: Asian Pacific American Booklist	Comprehensive list of <a href="#">Asian American and Pacific Islander American children’s and young adult books</a> . These books have been carefully selected by the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association.
Toronto District School Board	Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: <a href="#">A Resource for Educators</a>	
<b>Resources For Allies</b>	Asian Americans Advancing Justice	<a href="#">Bystander Intervention Virtual Training</a> : Virtual workshop on bystander intervention to stop anti-Asian/American and xenophobic harassment.
	Stand Against Hatred	<a href="#">Website</a> to document and publish witnessed hate to educate the public of these observed Anti-Asian experiences.
	Stop AAPI Hate	National <a href="#">reporting system</a> to track anti-Asian assaults.
<b>Coping and Self-Care Tips</b>	Asian Mental Health Project	<a href="#">Anti-Asian racism resource</a> for those experiencing hate and discrimination stemmed from the coronavirus.
	Asian Mental Health Collective	<a href="#">Therapist directory</a> for self-identifying Asian, Pacific Islander, and South Asian Americans seeking professional mental health support.