Region 15 Update on Global Citizenship and Character Work

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# Background

## Global Citizenship and Character

Two of the six Region 15 Learner Expectations.

#### **Global Citizenship**

The Region 15 student recognizes the rapidly changing nature of the global landscape and demonstrates the capacity and disposition to understand and act on issues of global significance while honoring the dignity, cultures, and rights of all people. The student makes thoughtful decisions based on multiple perspectives and responds to the needs of the local and global community.

#### Character

The Region 15 student displays the core values of honesty, responsibility, respect, and caring. The student honors the unique qualities of each individual and recognizes how these differences contribute to the tapestry of our community. The student accepts responsibility for his or her own actions and demonstrates leadership when needed

# Background

### Title IV Part A Grant

Funds could be used to promote "Safe and Healthy students:"

- 1. Provide all students with access to a well rounded education
- 2. Improve school conditions for all students
- 3. Improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students

# Background

### Title IV Part A Grant in Region 15

Funds could be used to promote "Safe and Healthy students:"

- 1. Provide ALL students with access to a well rounded education
- 2. Improve school conditions for ALL students
  - Implementing systems and practices to prevent bullying and harassment
  - Establishing community partnerships
  - Promoting community and parent involvement in schools

# Overview of Change



# 1. Establish a Sense of Urgency

- Help others see the need for change and the importance of acting immediately
- × Open dialogue

#### Starbucks C.E.O. Apologizes After Arrests of 2 Black Men



Two black men were arrested on suspicion of trespassing in a Philadelphia Starbucks on Thursday. The police commissioner defended the actions of his officers, but Starbucks apologized.

#### Native American Brothers Pulled From Campus Tour After Nervous Parent Calls Police



The campus police of Colorado State University stopped Thomas Kanewakeron Gray, left, and his brother Lloyd Skanahwati Gray after a parent became "nervous," the school said, via Amociated Press

Racial Questions At Yale: Police Called On Black Student Sleeping In Own Dorm – Hartford Courant

After Racist Tweet, Roseanne Barr's Show Is Canceled by ABC



Roseanne Barr posted a comment about Valerie Jarrett, an African-American woman who was a senior adviser to President Barack Obama, Junian Straum/Invision, via Aaroclated Press



- Reported cases of bullying of protected and non-protected classes
- This year, there has been an increase racial/religious slurs & mean behavior

### Even ONE case is too many!

Over the past **10 years**, there has been a **change** in the student **demographics** in R15.





	October 2007	October 2017
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.24%	0.17%
Asian	3.2%	4.6%
Black or African American	0.98%	1.7%
Hispanic/Latino	2.4%	5.4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		0.22%
2 or More Races		1.8%
Total	6.82%	13.9%



	October 2007	October 2017
English Language Learners	0.8%	1.1%
Free/Reduced Lunch	2%	6%
Special Education	13.7%	16%

### **Notice of Non-Discrimination:**

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- From the Region 15 website



## **Board Policies:**

•Notice of Non-Discrimination (#5155)

- •Bullying Prevention & Intervention (#5131.2)
- •Student Discipline (#5114)
- •Sex Discrimination & Sexual Harassment (#5156)



## 2. Create a Guiding Coalition

- Assemble a group to assist in leading the change effort
- Encourage the group to work together as a team

In addition to what schools have been already doing, this year there was

- Anti-Bias Training
- Presentation/Training for MS students
- Community Presentation on the Importance of Multiculturalism
- Development of an Advisory Committee

### Advisory Committee on Global Citizenship and Character

Teachers from Elementary, Middle, and High school
Administrators from Elementary, Middle, and High school
Parents from Elementary, Middle, and High school
Two High School Students
Assistant Superintendent

 $\checkmark 2$  Facilatators from Cooperative Education Services

Total: 23 committee members

The Role of the Advisory Committee

Review/provide feedback on:

- Goals
- Action steps
- Data collected from actions steps



Esther Bobowick, Director of Professional Development Services, CES



George Coleman, Early Childhood System Development Specialist, CES



### 3. Develop a Clear, Shared Vision

- Create a vision to help direct the effort
- Develop strategies for achieving the vision

Three Goals Reviewed by the Advisory Committee :

- **Goal 1:** To nurture, <u>in students</u>, lifelong respect and compassion for themselves and other human beings regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender, social class, disability, religion, appearance, or sexual orientation.
- **Objective 1:** To develop school based programs that foster a sense of belonging, safety, and wellness.
- **Objective 2:** To develop community partners that will address multicultural priorities and values within their range of activities for students outside of school.

Three Goals Reviewed by the Advisory Committee :

**Goal 2**: To nurture, <u>in staff</u>, lifelong respect and compassion for themselves and other human beings regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender, social class, disability, religion, or sexual orientation.

**Objective 1:** Staff will develop an awareness related to valuing differences among staff and students

Objective 2: Staff will demonstrate an appreciation and depth of knowledge related to valuing differences among staff and students Three Goals Reviewed by the Advisory Committee :

**Goal 3:** Revise curriculum to reflect a broad range of knowledge and information which illustrates varied and diverse contributions to history, the arts, science, mathematics, and literature

# Next Steps



I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King Jr. August 28, 1963

### **"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD"**

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# Thank You!







