



Sun Prairie Area
School District
Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted Black scholar and Harvard graduate initiated Black History Week; and for many years, the second week of February was chosen to celebrate the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States so as to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, administrators, and educators of the Sun Prairie Area School District have committed to stand by our Black and Brown students, staff, and families, to speak out against statements of bigotry, social injustice, discrimination, racism, and hate, and to continuously work on the development and implementation of strategies and best practices that dismantle racism, bigotry, and ethnic oppression within all aspects of our schools and school district; and

WHEREAS, this year the Sun Prairie Area School District continues to partner with our buildings' Equity Teams, Black Student Unions, Community Schools, the City of Sun Prairie, and other community organizations to increase and expand on our efforts to celebrate Black History with appropriate programs, activities, and celebrations that focus on African Americans and the Arts and to honor the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States by embracing the diverse thoughts and experiences that engage all of our students, staff, families and community members; and

WHEREAS, we know that one month is not sufficient to honor all the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States and the school district will continue to partner with Community Schools, the City of Sun

Prairie, 100 Black Men, and other community organizations to plan and participate in events that celebrate African American heritage throughout the year, including the Multicultural Fair, HBCU tour, community soul food dinner, and Juneteenth events; and

WHEREAS, African American history is American history;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proudly recognizes the month of February as Black History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of our Black students, families, and community members to our schools, communities, state, and country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this proclamation was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 29th day of January, 2024.

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On behalf of Board of Education

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