



Sun Prairie Area
School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992 to honor and recognize the contributions and achievements of residents of Asia and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia and includes the people of Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Guam, Hawaii, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and others; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been part of the history of the United States of America for over two hundred years contributing to the economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literacy, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were integral in the building of the transcontinental railroad, working in coal and gold mines and farming, while subjected to unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, even in the darkness of the Exclusion Act and Japanese Internment, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders persevered, providing for their families and creating opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS, more than 10% of the student population of the Sun Prairie Area School District is made up of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, teachers, parents, and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that “reflects the cultures of our diverse community” and a mission to “inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom”; and

WHEREAS, we are committed as a District to keep safe, honor, and love all of our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims the month of May 2024 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage 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, support, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our schools, communities, state, and country.

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



Diana McFarland, President on behalf of
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