



## ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Resolution Condemning the Ku Klux Klan and Other Similar Groups

WHEREAS, the Ku Klux Klan is an organization that symbolizes racial hatred; and

WHEREAS, the Ku Klux Klan promotes violence, domestic terrorism, and racial terrorism and has specifically targeted African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, LGBTQIA communities, immigrants, Jews, Muslims, and other people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Ku Klux Klan had an active presence on the streets of Hillsborough, North Carolina in August of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Schools recognizes that the local actions of the Ku Klux Klan may be threatening and traumatizing for staff, students, and families in our school communities; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Schools prides itself on being a diverse school system that values and supports the personal identities of all of our school staff and students and strives to uplift the dignity of all the people we serve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Orange County Schools Board of Education, strongly oppose the activities of the Ku Klux Klan; reject white nationalists, white supremacists, and neo-Nazis; and urge members of the Orange County Schools community to continue to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people.

Adopted this the 23 day of September 2019 by vote of the Orange County Board of Education.

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Will Atherton, Chair

Board of Education

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Dr. Randy Bridges

Interim Superintendent



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The Resolution Condemning the Ku Klux Klan and Other Similar Groups was approved by the Board on September 23, 2019.

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