



East County Educators United

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Educators from Across East Multnomah County Stand in Solidarity with and Support Black Lives Matter

The time is now.

As educators and community members we acknowledge the pain and continued trauma that Black, Indigenous and People of Color face daily. We see how systematic and individual racism negatively impacts our Black, Indigenous, and students of color as well as the larger community. The recent horrific deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks, and Ahmud Arbery have sparked a growing call for dismantling racist systems built on white supremacy. The names join the long list of Black lives lost. Black Lives Matter is a cry for breath, for opportunity, for futures, for dreams, for a life valued. As a workforce of largely white educators it is important for us to step up and unpack the ways that racism plays out in our schools, our communities, our own hearts, and commit to being allies and take responsibility in addressing the racial injustice and inequities that exist.

WHO: East County Educators United, Reynolds EA, Centennial EA, Gresham-Barlow EA, Parkrose FA

WHAT: We will be lining SE Stark St and holding signs to show our solidarity with and support for the Black Lives Matter movement. We will provide signs, or you can bring your own. We will be maintaining physical distancing and adults should wear face coverings. There will be an opportunity to gather afterwards for those who wish.

WHEN: Friday, June 26, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Three locations (possibility of more being added, check social media) to gather and spread out.

- 185th/SE Stark St.
- Main Street/E Burnside St.
- Reynolds High School main parking lot (car caravan); 257th/SW Cherry Park Road
 - Cars will begin gathering at 4:30 and leave at 5:00 (details at location)

