

**PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-12**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISTRICT TEACHING OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY (CRT) AS A
FRAMEWORK ON MATTERS RELATING TO RACE**

WHEREAS, All students deserve high-quality education and experiences in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to restrict academic freedom or student speech; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution shall require any staff member to violate local, state, or federal law as well as California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has to do with how topics of race will be taught in this district, not what topics will be taught; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory or other similar frameworks will not be used as a source to guide how topics related to race will be taught; and

WHEREAS, This resolution will not alter the existing content currently taught in all certified AP and IB courses so as not to jeopardize the integrity of the coursework and risk losing certification; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education affirms its commitment and expectation that teachers will rely on the Board of Education adopted curriculum as the authoritative source for the content of instruction to provide a comprehensive education; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District values all students and promotes equity and equality, respects diversity, celebrates the contributions of all, and encourages culturally relevant and inclusive teaching practices. The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District further believes that the diversity that exists among the District's community of students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members is an asset to be honored and valued; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District condemns racism (a prejudged attitude and discriminatory behavior against individuals or groups on the grounds of race) and will not tolerate racism, racist conduct, bigotry, or anything that constitutes hate crimes. (Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board Resolution No. 20-04, July 7, 2020; Ed Code 220; Penal Code 422.55); and

WHEREAS, Each individual can choose not to hold racist views, and that we can and should see one another as humans first; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District desires to uplift and unite students by not imposing the responsibility of historical transgressions in the past and instead will engage students of all cultures in age-appropriate critical thinking that helps students navigate the past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District is committed to maintaining a safe, positive school environment where all students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members are treated with respect and dignity, and where we can and will serve and celebrate students through academic excellence; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District honors the experiences of all students by encouraging instruction that explores the history, philosophy, and structures that comprise the American experience. The Board of Education seeks to support the teaching of respectful communication, empathy, and understanding by allowing students to see themselves and each other as part of the narrative.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the District supports efforts in education to promote equity, respect, diversity; celebrate the contributions of all; and encourage culturally relevant and inclusive teaching practices, but will not allow the use of Critical Race Theory as a framework to guide such efforts.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum defines Critical Race Theory as a practice of interrogating race and racism in society. CRT recognizes that race is not biologically real but is socially constructed and socially significant. It acknowledges that racism is embedded within systems and institutions that replicate racial inequality—codified in law, embedded in structures, and woven into public policy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will not include Critical Race Theory as a framework in any course offerings.

AYES: Marilyn Anderson, Leandra Blades, Shawn Youngblood

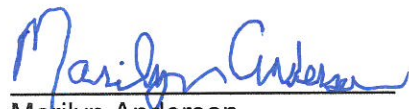
NOES: Carrie Buck, Karin Freeman

ABSENT: None

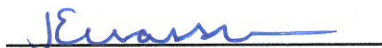
ABSTAIN: None

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County of Orange)

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of April, 2022 and passed by a majority vote of said Board.



Marilyn Anderson
Vice President, Board of Education



Dr. James Elsasser
Secretary, Board of Education