

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, a national movement has arisen to assert that Black Lives Matter;

**WHEREAS**, this movement has raised awareness about injustices that exist at the intersections of race, class, and gender; including mass incarceration, police brutality, poverty, unaffordable housing, income disparity, homophobia, unjust immigration policies, gender inequality, and poor access to healthcare;

**WHEREAS**, in support of a national movement of teachers, parents, scholars and administrators who have come together to proclaim a week of action, affirmation, and solidarity, to be called "Black Lives Matter Week of Action in Schools";

**WHEREAS**, the thirteen guiding principles of the Black Lives Matter movement highlighted during this week of action are a means of challenging the insidious legacy of institutionalized racism and oppression that has plagued the United States since its founding;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the week will be to spark an ongoing movement of critical reflection and honest conversations in school communities for people of all ages to engage with critical issues of social justice;

**WHEREAS**, schools should be places for the practice of equity, for the building of understanding, and for the active engagement of all in creating pathways to freedom and justice for all people; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland State Educators Association (MSEA) and the Prince George's County Educators Association have voted to support Black Lives Matter at School week;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Prince George's County Board of Education endorses and encourages teachers and students to participate in the Black Lives Matter Week of Action in Schools to be held on February 5-10, 2018.