



# Perry Township Schools

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## **MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAND UNITED AGAINST RACISM**

Perry Township Schools stands with every student, employee, or community member who is Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color. We condemn racism, harassment, and discrimination, and building an anti-racist community where everyone feels safe, respected, and included is a priority.

We are currently reviewing district policies and employee training to make sure we address these problems in meaningful ways. Once appropriate strategies have been identified, we will bring a thorough plan to our students, families, and staff.

Perry Township Schools is also proud to collaborate with other Marion County school districts to abolish social injustice and respect human dignity.

## **UNIFIED VIDEO MESSAGE**

This video message shows the unity of all Marion County public school districts and shares an important message with our communities. [Click here](#). Please view and share the video\*

*\*Produced by Von Watts Graphics, a local firm headed by an African American female*

## **LIGHTS ON FOR JUSTICE**

On Friday, June 19, 2020, the lights at Cardinal Stadium, Falcon Stadium, and other football fields across Marion County will be turned on for 8 minutes 46 seconds. This gesture is a tribute to the late George Floyd. It is also intended to spotlight the need for social justice and an end to racism. The lights will be turned on at 10:14 p.m., which symbolizes Mr. Floyd's birthday, October 14.

June 19 was chosen because of the date's significance to the African American community. Juneteenth, also called as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, or Celebration Day, is an American holiday celebrated on June 19 annually. This date commemorates June 19, 1865 – the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."*

Martin Luther King Jr.

## **PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE**

The resource guide was compiled by Marion County public school superintendents and is intended to provide valuable resources and information that will help parents have important conversations with their children about race and racism. [Click here](#).

These efforts represent only a small part of Perry Township Schools' plans to make the district more inclusive for all. We are committed to doing the hard work necessary to create positive change for our diverse community.

