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**FULL STATEMENT BY ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT CONDEMNING RACISM**

**Rocklin, CA –** (June 12, 2020) At the June 10, 2020, Board of Trustees Meeting, both Rocklin Unified school board members as well as the district's superintendent made statements condemning racism in our community and in our schools. These statements have been summarized and can be viewed below.

**RUSD Board of Trustees President Rick Miller's Statement:**

I think it is important to talk about what's going on with our country right now-- particularly the death of George Floyd and the ramifications it has had on our country. This event was hard to see, hard to live with and hard to understand.

We all collectively agree that this was a horrible moment, but it's also critically important to recognize that this was not a one-time thing. It is clear now more than ever that there is an issue with systematic racism throughout our country and throughout all of our organizations and if we are being honest, it's not just about racism, it's about education.

We too have a system that is not structurally balanced, that is not giving kids what they need to succeed. We have a particular obligation-- in our roles as leaders-- to make sure we speak out. I was chagrined that I had not done enough with my voice as a white man to stand up and talk about the privilege I have and to stand up for racial equity.

In the past, we've talked about being data-oriented. We can see the outcomes in Rocklin that say we have structural racism that is not giving kids of color the same outcomes that they deserve to have. Until those outcomes change, our system is not where it needs to be and we as leaders have work to do to talk about how race plays a role in what we're not giving our kids.

I appreciate the work of the district in equity-- we should be proud that we are doing it, but we have more to do. If we stand for equity we need to regularly stand for equity. The voice of our students matter and the voice of students of color consistently tell us we have work to do.

I'm committed to doubling down and making sure that we an as organization consistently stand up and say racism has no place in our community, in our state or in our country. We will continue to fight every day to make sure we call out injustices. We want to make sure every child in Rocklin is given everything they need to succeed at the highest levels.

### **RUSD Superintendent Roger Stock's Statement:**

I recently sent out a letter to our families and staff last Thursday in it I addressed the tragic death of George Floyd and the impact that it has on our students and families in RUSD and that in fact the racism that lead to it is an issue we need to grapple with in RUSD. As hate, discrimination, and racism will not be tolerated in our school district.

Since then I have watched the protests and dialogue in our nation, state, and local community. For example, a post by one of our high school football teams after their heartfelt conversations, or a video produced by a 10th-grade student that shared their reflections and wonderings. I have had students, parents, and colleagues reach out to me and as I talk with people I am encouraged by this and am reminded that just because many of us may not have experienced racism or discrimination in our lives it does not mean it has not and is not occurring for students, families and staff members in our community. We have an obligation to address these issues of racism and injustice if we fail to do this, it will continue to impact our kids, families, and colleagues. They will continue to suffer and they will never be freed of the anxiety of having to go to school and endure this, unfortunately, the results in achievement and wellness bear out the real impacts of failing to do so (Especially for our African-American students. George Floyd's death shows us and RUSD knows that Black lives matter and that Black lives matter in RUSD.

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[Click here to watch the official clip of these statements from the Board of Trustee Meeting on June 10, 2020. \(Start time 1:05:41\)](#)