



SAN MATEO COUNTY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

Statement Regarding Events in Charlottesville, VA

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 23, 2017

There are times when we see or hear something and we know it's wrong. There is no explanation needed. There's no context required. There are just some acts and words that have been, are, and always will be just flat out wrong, inappropriate and unacceptable.

The recent events in Charlottesville fall into this category. They brought to light one of the cruel sides of our national nature. It has always been there (though we had hoped it was small), simmering as a dangerous vessel of hate and ignorance. Sometimes it's overt, other times covert. But no matter how it rears its ugly head, it's wrong. The hate of racists, bigots, misogynists, homophobes, xenophobes, anti-Semites and all in between who proffer discrimination and prejudice have no place on our campuses, in our community or in our country. This hate and prejudice goes against everything we are and believe as a District and everything we want to create for our students and employees.

As a Board along with the administration, faculty and staff, we are in solidarity in this resistance. We have and will continue to pursue justice where we live, work and learn, so that our students and their families have safe and welcoming environments in which to thrive and realize their potential. We condemn in the strongest possible way the blatant hate and violence in Charlottesville and at all other places and against all other people by those with this malice in their hearts. We want to assure our students, faculty, staff and all who are part of our District family and community that we will not condone this disgusting behavior and mindset and we will fight any attempt to allow it to permeate our campuses.