BACK TO CAMPUS!

Who is ready to head back to campus? Whether you are starting your first semester or student teaching, we are here to support you throughout the 2020-2021 academic year!

BLACK LIVES MATTER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

How are we advocating for our Black Students and Peers? What AEW response was to the death of George Floyd and what our Social Justice goals are moving forward.

MEET YOUR NEW STATE BOARD!

May 2020, during Virtual Super weekend, we elected a new state board! These 7 individuals are so excited to help Aspiring Educators grow this year.

Despite the craziness that is present in our world right now, it is always exciting to start a new semester and school year. Whether you are going back to classes in-person, hybrid or online your, local chapters and state chapter are ready to engage with you for an exciting year ahead. Monthly we will send out this newsletter with tips and tricks to help you succeed as a student and teacher! Before the school year starts, remember to renew your Aspiring Educators membership at https://ims.nea.org/JoinNea/ .
**MEET YOUR STATE BOARD!**

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**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**

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Earlier this summer we, released a statement following the death of George Floyd of Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are committed to our social justice mission as Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin. The statement is as follows. Here is the link to the PDF:  
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b7QTznfLVvAh5xUqps79JHlEMWRh9Pe23lhb-JhPE/edit?usp=sharing

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**Black Lives Matter & Social Justice Mission**

Throughout the last week, Aspiring Educators from across the state of Wisconsin have watched the outrage unfold on our television screens, on our social media, and in our own backyards as a result of the murder of George Floyd. We mourn for those impacted, especially for George Floyd and his family.

As future educators, we are joining this profession because we believe in emboldening future leaders and making our world a safer and more equitable place through our work. We as educators cannot turn a blind eye to the injustices in our communities. Our students need to feel safe and supported. Therefore, it is our responsibility as future educators to become strong advocates for our students’ needs. We cannot stand idly by.

Two of the core values of Aspiring Educators are Social Justice and Community Engagement. As the next generation of teachers in Wisconsin, these values call us to educate ourselves about the long history of disparities that people of color face in our state. In Wisconsin, though Black citizens make up less than 10% of the population, they make up 38% of our prison population. Additionally, our Black students have a high school graduation rate that is nearly 23% lower than white students. We cannot be complicit in the continuation of these disparities; we must take action. Therefore, we must educate ourselves to become stronger advocates for our students and families.

The following are resources to educate ourselves about anti-racist and social justice education:
- Teaching Tolerance (www.tolerance.org)
- Black Lives Matter at School Curriculum (www.blacklivesmatterschool.com)
- NEA Social Justice Lesson Plans (www.nea.org/centers/z3179.htm)
- Rethinking Schools (www.rethinkingschools.org)
- Global Oneness Project (www.globalonenessproject.org)
- Anti-Racism Resources at July/ANTITEACHERRESOURCES
- Teaching for Black Lives by Bryan Watson, Jesse Hagopian, and Wayne Au

We stand with the Black Lives Matter Movement. George Floyd’s murder was not an anomaly, and mandates serious structural changes. As aspiring educators, we must be a part of the change. We encourage our members to start that change by registering to vote, posting on social media, joining a protest, or having discussions about these issues with friends and family. We must not be idle. We must take action.

In Solidarity,
Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin

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1 https://www.growingup.org/growingup
2 https://www.growingup.org/growingup/2020/07/15/socialjusticeactivity/socialjusticeactivity
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