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BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOLS MADISON: WEEK OF ACTION

February 4 – 8

This week Madison Teachers Incorporated (MTI) join educators across the country in the National Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action. The week of action uses the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement and rich ethnic studies-based lessons to discuss issues of race and equity.

MTI adopted a National Education Association resolution explicitly calling for the hiring of more Black educators, an end to zero tolerance discipline and the teaching of Black history and ethnic studies. MTI's members are rallying behind this urgent work.

"We call all of our colleagues, administrators, students, families and community members to partner with us as we engage in the National Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action," said Kerry Motoviloff, Past President and planning committee member. "We commit to analyzing and challenging both our personal and systemic or institutional racialized beliefs and practices. This work is urgent and long overdue. This week is one action embedded in the lifelong work of creating a society and school system where all of our students, staff, and families experience respect, equity, and justice."

MTI distributed over 1,400 BLM at School Madison t-shirts, held 3-weekend planning events attended by over 160 educators, and throughout the district educators are using ethnic study-based lessons, artwork, discussion circles, and daily messages to declare that Black Lives Matter at School. Our hope is that this collective week of action will bring critical reflection, honest conversations, and systemic change to the issues that impact racial justice in education. This week is part of the ongoing work of our MTI mission, "Public schools have a moral responsibility to provide quality education, broad and equitable in nature, to all students with no exceptions, exclusions or disparities."

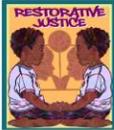
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BLACK LIVES MATTER IN SCHOOLS WEEK OF ACTION EVENTS

4 - MON

Restorative Justice and Empathy and Loving Engagement



Wear your BLM in Schools t-shirt, post pictures and tag #BLMatSchoolsMadison

5 - TUES

Diversity & Globalism



Wear your MMSD Core Values or MTI t-shirt

6 - WED

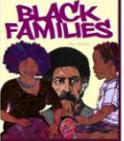
Queer Affirming, Transgender Affirming, and Collective Value



Wear your Seeds T-shirt or ENOUGH t-shirt

7 - THURS

Intergenerational, Black Families, and Black Villages



Wear your Black Minds Matter t-shirt or ENOUGH t-shirt

8 - FRI

Black Women and Unapologetically Black



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