

**Thurston County Democrats Resolution supporting local student efforts to create and maintain a safe, equitable school environment and culture free from racism. Enacted by the TCDC 2/28/22**

Whereas, at a recent basketball game between Capital High School and River Ridge, a white Capital High School student called a Black River Ridge player a “gorilla,” according to a video of the game that was shared on social media.(1)

Whereas, 200 Black student union members and their white allies staged sit-ins and a walkout at two Thurston County high schools on Monday, February 7th wanting to call attention to racism and other harmful behavior they say North Thurston Public Schools has not done enough to address.

Whereas, A North Thurston SD student shared a poem during a recent Martin Luther King Jr. virtual assembly that students say resulted in a backlash against students of color and hateful comments online.

Whereas, students and staff report that racism and sexism is heard frequently at school and that every single day students see someone being victimized.

Whereas, the student led movement has created this list of demands: [link](#).

Therefore be it resolved, Thurston County Democrats express our outrage and concern at recent instances of racism happening in our local public school system; we affirm and support the River Ridge Black Student Union’s list of demands; and we call on locally elected school board members and administrative leaders to take substantial, swift and serious action to address this situation.

(1) <https://www.theolympian.com/news/local/article257872048.html#storylink=cpy>