

Resolution Number 147

Pacific Educational Group's Fifth Annual Summit for Courageous Conversation

WHEREAS, the team of dedicated and talented staff of Pacific Educational Group has partnered with school districts, universities and educational organizations throughout the U.S., Canada and Australia in fostering the development of greater awareness, skills and accountability in educating all students and especially underserved students of color since 1992; and

WHEREAS, U.S. educational statistics have shown that racial achievement disparities in public education have persisted for nearly a century, and current data indicates that (a) even low-income White students consistently outperform their middle and upper income Black, Brown, Native American/Alaska Native and Hawaiian Native/Pacific Island counterparts, and (b) educational achievement disparities between White students and students of color have reached unprecedented, alarmingly high levels; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Educational Group believes that systemic racism is the most devastating factor contributing to the diminished capacity of children of color to achieve at the highest levels, and contributes to the fracturing of the communities that nurture and support them; and

WHEREAS, the staff and affiliates of Pacific Educational Group strive to prepare leaders, be they governing board members, administrators, teachers, students, parents or community members, to be effective and courageous advocates for eliminating the racial predictability of which student groups occupy the highest and lowest achievement categories; and

WHEREAS, the Summit for Courageous Conversation convenes leaders for racial equity from the U.S. and around the world to engage, sustain and deepen interracial dialogue about the impact of race on schooling and to discover effective strategies for unlocking the untapped potential of underserved children of color and their White peers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Pacific Educational Group's Fifth Annual Summit for Courageous Conversation and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of November, 2013 by:

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen