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Seattle Education Association Calls for Action for Racial Justice
SEA Calls for Police Accountability

SEATTLE – Seattle Education Association, the union of more than 6,000 educators and school employees, stands with Black Lives Matter in support of equity, justice, and police accountability. The organization voted in favor of several resolutions to dismantle white supremacy culture in schools and in our community. SEA is endorsing Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County’s call for a [statewide march and general strike this Friday, June 12](#), and is mobilizing members to attend the march.

“We’re encouraging all SEA members who are able, to come out and stand in solidarity with the community,” remarked SEA President Michael Tamayo. “As public school educators, we have the responsibility to our Black students and community to support the movement to end racial and police violence.”

SEA is also endorsing the call for a 50% reduction in police funding and the redirection of funds towards prioritizing community-led health and safety strategies as well as calling upon the Seattle City Attorney not to prosecute protesters.

“Waiting for law enforcement to deal with our social service shortages is waiting too long,” added Jennifer Matter, SEA President-elect. “We need to invest now in programs that we know work to help our communities to not just survive but thrive.”

SEA is also calling for the removal of the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild (SPOG) from the local Martin Luther King Central Labor Council (MLKLC).

While respecting SPOG’s right to organize as a union, the recent actions taken by the Seattle Police Department and SPOG’s inaction in holding its own members accountable to the Black, Brown, and Indigenous people of color (BIPOC) community, affiliation with a council that represents and works towards empowering the majority of workers who are BIPOC is untenable.

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