



MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAND UNITED AGAINST RACISM

Marion County Public Schools have united to stand in solidarity with our communities to build a more just and compassionate world, to abolish racism, value social justice and respect human dignity.

Unified Video Message: This video message shows unity of all Marion County Public School Districts and shares an important message with our communities [Marion County Public Schools No Racism Zone](#). The entire Pike Township community is encouraged to take time to view the video and share it.

The video was produced by Von Watts Graphics a local firm headed by an African American female.

Lights on For Justice: On Friday, June 19, stadium lights across Marion County Public Schools, and at **Pike High School** will be turned on for 8 minutes 46 seconds as a tribute to George Floyd and to spotlight the need for social justice and an end to racism. Mr. Floyd was born on October 14 therefore the lights on will start at 10:14 PM. June 19, otherwise known as Juneteenth, was chosen because of the date significance to the African American community. Juneteenth, also called as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, or Celebration Day is an American holiday celebrated on June 19 annually. This date commemorates June 19, 1865 when a Union General read federal orders in Galveston, Texas that stated all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. This was the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans.



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Martin Luther King Jr.

Parent Resources Guide: The resource guide was compiled by Marion County Public School Superintendents and is intended to provide valuable resources and information that will help parents have important conversations with their children about race and racism. [Parent Resource Guide](#)



The MSD of Pike Township is committed to equity as stated in the [Human Dignity Policy](#) and through the work of the Equity Council. These are not isolated efforts, as we know this is ongoing work to create the change needed and we look forward to working together.