

NASS members:

This past weekend, hate and bigotry became the focus of events in Virginia. Soon, three were dead, others injured, and the community once again left distraught and traumatized. The results of these actions have evoked terror and fear for many Americans, especially students who are asking questions and needing guidance in how they confront social issues.

The National Association of School Superintendents (NASS) is a values-driven association focused on promoting student equity. The acts of hatred and bigotry that took place this past weekend betray our core values and association pursuits of equity and excellence to meet the diverse needs of all students.

NASS also recognizes your unique challenges in providing services to all students. We do this by offering opportunities to share knowledge and expertise that provide a foundation for you to begin courageous conversations about racism and all types of discrimination in your schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

Below, we have included several resources that can help enable you to uncover persistent hate and bigotry, as well as how to begin to educate and support students in need. At times, confronting these issues may require a simple conversation. At other times, confronting these issues may require a larger campaign built on education and equity engagement. The resources below include web links, books, and articles that can help your district move in a positive direction.

NASS has not partnered with the creators of this content and doesn't specifically endorse the resources. But during this urgent time, we feel compelled to assist you in locating platforms that can provide help and services.

Before making use of these resources, we encourage you to check your district protocols and board policies to determine if there are already procedures and resources in place.

If NASS can support school administrators in any other way, please don't hesitate to let us know how the association can support you in addressing this difficult issue.

Article on helping children cope with traumatic events:

<https://sharemylesson.com/collections/helping-children-cope-traumatic-events?theme=284956>

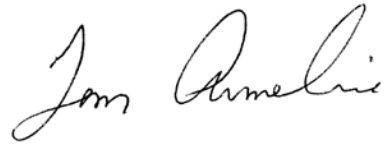
Addressing racism stereotyping:

<https://sharemylesson.com/collections/addressing-racial-profiling-stereotyping?theme=284956>

The Charlottesville tragedy

Here is another specific to the Charlottesville

Tragedy: <https://sharemylesson.com/CharlottesvilleCurriculum>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Armelino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T" and "A".

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