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CVES MISSION

Champlain Valley Educational Services empowers students, schools and communities by providing exemplary education, training, support and shared services.

CVES STATEMENT ON EQUITY, INCLUSION & ACCEPTANCE

The mission of the Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES), also known as the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services (CEWW BOCES), is to empower students, schools and communities by providing exemplary education, training, shared services and support. CVES carries out its mission each and every day.

CVES serves a diverse population of students and relies on the expertise of educators across the North Country. In doing so, we see education as a civil right. We have the ability and will continue to fulfill the promise of that civil right and bring about change.

Maya Angelou advised, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Recent events have focused the nation's attention on the injustices suffered by the Black community. Now that we know, we must do better. We find recent and past incidents of deadly attacks on Black people in our country unacceptable as they are directly opposed to fair and equal treatment of all individuals and to our mission. CVES stands against injustice, violence and discrimination in every instance.

The recent protests around the world have become a societal call to action for all. Our responsibility to set an example and educate our students and staff is of utmost importance to CVES. We will be channeling our efforts and resources into productive, forward thinking discussions and actions.

Over the next days, weeks and months we will involve the entire CVES community to encourage and ensure inclusiveness and acceptance. We will engage in student and staff discussions to better understand these vital issues, improve our professional development and expand our curriculum efforts and instruction. We will redouble our work to promote equity, inclusion and acceptance to prevent and to stop discrimination.

As educators, the answer to moving forward necessarily involves education. To quote Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." As an educational agency in the North Country for over 70 years, CVES will answer the call to do everything we can to be part of the change.

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