**Resolution in Support of Asian Communities**

***Bellevue Education Association representative council unanimously voted to endorse the following resolution in support of Asian Communities:***

**WHEREAS, there has been a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes in our country, including in the greater Seattle area; and**

**WHEREAS, the former president's racist rhetoric fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a rise in xenophobia; and**

**WHEREAS, both union and educational structures need to continually work to advance racial and social equity in our communities; and**

**WHEREAS, immigrant communities nationwide, like Chinatowns, have faced economic devastation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Bellevue School District has the highest representation of Asian students in Washington; and**

**WHEREAS, we acknowledge the biases of the model minority myth, among other biases including anti-Blackness, anti-Indigeneity, and Hispanophobia in our country's history; and**

**WHEREAS, our histories and futures are all connected,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bellevue Education Association Representative Council denounces the violence against Asian Americans and supports any efforts to educate about the history, cultures, identities, and experiences of Asian and Asian American communities.**