

## Follow-up from Today's Anti-Racism Discussion

Hello,

Thank you for participating in our third anti-racism discussion today. Like the previous two discussions, if you are willing to provide feedback on the discussion, please fill out this [survey](#).

Second, as you heard in today's video and slides, a group of West juniors is circulating a petition for English departments at all MMSD high schools to examine and change their narratives to be more inclusive. Below is their message and the link to the petition. They would appreciate as many signatures as possible before they present it to the MMSD Board:

"The goal of this petition is to require English and Literature classes across the district to include in their curriculum a diverse set of narratives, including a book by a person of color in each English/Literature class, among other things. We know that teachers at West and MMSD already do a pretty good job of incorporating diverse curricula and we appreciate the work that West staff members have been doing in regards to anti-racism, but we think that the school board should set this as a standard going forward.

If you would like to look over the petition and its demands, or sign it yourself, here is the link: <https://forms.gle/zwCVFWyxU49M4uCr8>

Our goal is to reach 1,000 signatures on the petition from students, teachers, and alumni before approaching the school board."

Once again, thank you all for your commitment and courage to hold space for these discussions to develop a more anti-racist and inclusive West community.

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