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Sadly, it is difficult to end the school year in a purely celebratory manner as the entire nation mourns the loss of another Black person due to police brutality and continues the long battle against it and the other various levels of systemic oppression. At Lowell we stand together with the Black Lives Matter Movement and the fight for social justice for the Black community and all people of color who are impacted by racial inequity and pervasive institutionalized racism. We support the voices of our students and applaud the efforts that our student leaders have taken to encourage their classmates to speak out in support of each other.

The first step in supporting this movement and truly understanding the need for it is to educate ourselves on the various aspects of white supremacy culture and white privilege. Our leadership team encourages staff, students, families, and all community members to lean in, recognize our privilege and use it to lift up those who have been historically marginalized. We have compiled a list of resources to learn about the Black Live Matter Movement, the history of racial injustice, and ways to join/continue the fight for true racial equity and the end of structural racism. Again, this work begins within each of us. We each have a personal responsibility to unlearn and learn and to act in service of our students, our children, our community, and ourselves.



Lowell Student Created Action Items	Lowell High Students Support the Black Lives Matter Movement
Movies and Documentaries to learn about racial injustice	13th on Netflix Selma American Son Freedom Riders The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution

	The Black Power Mixtape The Hate U Give Just Mercy Injustice The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson Explained: The Racial Wealth Gap When They See Us I Am Not Your Negro If Beale Street Could Talk
Learn about White Supremacy Culture, the Black experience in America, and Systemic Oppression/Racism.	Understanding and Dismantling Racism - Book List The Black Experience in America - Book List 11 Terms You Should Know to Better Understand Structural Racism Racial Equity Glossary Oppression in America Systemic Inequality An American Tragedy: The Legacy of Slavery Lingers Race in America 2019
Learn about Black History & recent incidents of racial violence	Black Contributions Throughout History National Museum for African American History and Culture Black Past Reference Center NPR Collection of Articles Citizen's Police Data Project Stop Focusing on Looting There Isn't A Simple Story about Looting
How can you help and get involved with this movement	Black Lives Matter 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge General Information About the Protests Support the NAACP TransWomen of Color Collective Justice for George Floyd Support the Struggle Against Police Brutality 15 Ways to Demand Justice Help Demand Justice 100 Ways You Can Take Action Against Racism