



Standing Together For Public Education

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**MONTCLAIR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ACTIONS JUNE 2-5  
IN RESPONSE TO RACIAL INJUSTICE**

The Montclair Education Association (MEA) will hold actions June 2-5 in response to the recent acts of police brutality against black men and women. Community participation is welcomed.

“Each and every one of us who believe ourselves to be advocates for racial justice have a responsibility to use our platforms to give air to those who are gasping for it,” said Petal Robertson, President of the MEA.

**A Week of Solidarity at Nishuane Park’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial**

Tuesday, June 2 through Friday, June 5 - 12 to 4 p.m.

A time to honor the black lives lost due to racially motivated violence, the community will be invited to leave a memento of solidarity against racism at Nishuane Park’s Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Suggestions include written comments, poems, and thoughts, as well as flowers, wreaths and other tokens to honor the memories of those who have lost their lives due to racist acts. The Memorial is located on the Harrison Avenue side of Nishuane Parker, across from the fire station.

To maintain social distancing guidelines, participants are asked not to linger.

**Community Conversation on Racial Injustice**

Wednesday, June 3 - 4 to 6 p.m.

MEA President Robertson will host a Community Conversation via Zoom, featuring Montclair leaders, including:

- Tyrone Williams, Jr., Montclair Police Lieutenant and Bureau Commander, Community Policing Unit
- Gayl Shepard, Restorative Justice Coordinator for the Montclair School District
- Mirta Alsina, Montclair High School Assistant Principal
- Reginald Clark, Montclair High School Assistant Principal
- Brian Ford, Montclair High School Center for Social Justice Social Studies Teacher
- Shayla George, Vice President of the Montclair NAACP Youth Council
- Masiel Rodriguez-Vars, Executive Director of the Montclair Fund for Education Excellence

The panelists will respond to, and take questions and comments from, the public via the Zoom chat option.

Petal Robertson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Community Conversation on Racial Injustice

Time: Jun 3, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **Mobile Protest**

Friday, June 5 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Montclair Education Association and Restorative Justice Montclair will lead a caravan of Montclair Public School educators and community members who will travel in cars through Montclair's six square miles with messages of solidarity against police brutality. The caravan will pass all 11 Montclair Public School Buildings, starting at Bradford School at 87 Mt. Hebron Road at 4:30 p.m. and ending at Nishuane School on Cedar Avenue.

*The Montclair Education Association is the inclusive union representing more than 1,000 Montclair Public School District employees, including teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, secretaries, operational aides, certified support staff, custodians, and buildings and grounds staff.*

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