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Ms. Goldberg, Mr. Melvoin - Critical Media Literacy (Res-015-20/21) (Noticed February 9, 2021)

Whereas, Ever since President Reagan ended “equal time” in news reporting, people have been able to hear/see news reported from only one point of view;

Whereas, Over 70 million people believed that former President Trump was re-elected by a “landslide”, and the election was stolen from him by fraud;

Whereas, The misinformation spread by social media and one-sided press helped make the January 6th Insurrection at our nation’s Capitol a reality;

Whereas, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter are used by millions of people including many school-aged youth, many of whom use social media as their sole source of news and information; and

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District has no regularly scheduled instruction for students on how to critically understand what is fact and what is fiction and fantasy; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to ask the Division of Instruction to develop a plan for teaching Critical Media Literacy at all grade levels (1-12);

Resolved further, That the Division of Instruction will bring to the Board in 90 days, what can be done to begin implementing Critical Media Literacy instruction for the 2021-22 school year;

Resolved further, That the proposed plan will include the number of minutes, the courses this will be added to, and where content and professional development might come from;

Resolved further, That a Critical Media Literacy Campaign, comprised of teachers and 12th grade students, be informally conducted this semester to discuss and informally submit to the Division of Instruction ideas and best practices for a future Critical Media Literacy instruction program; and, be it finally

Resolved, That a fully realized proposal for Critical Media Literacy, including all of the above, be brought to the Board for consideration in enough time to act on it before the opening of the 2021-22 school year.