



Statement from ATE on Social Justice

The death of George Floyd by suffocation beneath the knee of a police officer is the most recent tragedy among too many black lives unjustly taken. When we think of him we also remember Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and so many others whose lives were taken through senseless violence. The Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) stands with communities of color to eliminate racial injustice and the need to critically examine the role of systemic racism in our education system and in our schools, and we value the lives of black students, teachers, and faculty.

Here are some of the ways that ATE can help create a community of practice where black and brown people truly thrive:

- We can be an organization where difficult conversations happen and grapple with the uncomfortable truths about systemic racism and inequities in education.
- We can offer opportunities and resources for teacher educators to address racism and social justice.
- We can use our voice to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion in education.
- We can share stories of how teacher educators are putting supports in place to address the mental health stress caused by senseless violence to black and brown people and the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATE needs our membership to do this critical work with our shared professional community. Moving forward we will use our strategic planning efforts underway to help bring about meaningful change through a renewed commitment to social justice. And we will continually strive to make ATE's policies, program and practices more accessible, equitable, and welcoming to all. If you have suggestions for positive actions we might take, please share them with us.

Kind Regards,

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