

September 27, 2020

Dear FBISD Equity Coalition,

We would like to express our utmost support in your on-going efforts to make FBISD a district that not only stands against racism, but is firmly rooted in being anti-racist. Your demands bring to the fore the experiences of BIPOC students that have—for decades—been pushed to the periphery in order to uphold the narrative that FBISD is diverse and inclusive. And by sharing the experiences of alumni and current FBISD students through social media, the Coalition has called into question that narrative.

Further, as an organization committed to justice and accountability in education, we stand firmly with you in your efforts to change the policies and climate of FBISD for the betterment of the lives of all students. We similarly reject the idea that FBISD has done enough to be deemed anti-racist and believe that it will be through the consistent collective efforts of organizations like yours that FBISD will truly become anti-racist. As such, we will continue to aid your efforts and help ensure that your mission is achieved.

This is a time of reckoning for institutions of all kinds to examine how they are enabling the advancement of justice and equality and how they are inhibiting it. The urgency of action and the consequence of inaction could not be more pronounced, as through the testimonials you've shared, we have all become aware of the troubling ways FBISD has allowed injustice and inequality. We are optimistic that change is eminent.

Sincerely,  
Education Accountability Initiative