

CACAGNY Congratulates TJ and PLF

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CACAGNY congratulates Coalition for TJ and Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) for their victory at the Eastern District Court of Virginia today February 25, 2022. Thanks to their victory, the Fairfax County School Board must tear down its admission changes against Asians at STEM powerhouse Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology (TJ), and restore the meritocratic admissions that brought TJ to national prominence in the first place.

There are two other similar lawsuits on admission changes against Asians in magnet high schools: CACAGNY's own lawsuit, also with PLF but pre-dating TJ's, over New York City's storied Specialized High Schools, and the more recent lawsuit by Boston parents, over Boston's acclaimed exam high schools. Both are still progressing in District Courts.

The pattern in these cases is the same. Asian families that follow mainstream Asian cultures raise hard-studying children. Everyone should be appreciated individually, but if you insist on slicing and dicing by race, then you'd find that Asian students on average spend about *twice* as much as time on homework as White students, and *four times* as much as Black students. Therefore, it should not surprise you that Asian students' hard work turns up in strong admission outcomes at rigorous, competitive schools like TJ, Stuyvesant in New York City, and Boston Latin. That is only fair.

But not to "equity" race warriors. These insurrectionists seize any outcome they can racialize to divide, destabilize, and delegitimize America. Under cover of Orwellian, Critical Race Theory (CRT) code-words like "anti-racism", "diversity", and "inclusion", they declare around the country: admission exams are racist! Tests are racist! Grades are racist! Meritocracy is racist! Accelerated Math classes are racist! Studying is racist! Yes – studying, they say, is racist. Makes you wonder why people who denounce accelerated Math and studying want anything to do with academically rigorous STEM schools like TJ.

Unless, of course, they intend to wreck academic rigor. TJ has been there before. In 2012, five years into a disastrous "diversity" quest that replaced meritocratic admission with "holistic" admission, one third of TJ's entering students required remedial Math, while enrollment in AP Calculus crumbled. This time, "equity" race warriors came prepared: any evidence that can be used to catch them at dumbing down rigor will be taken away. In this "re-imagined" education paradise, there are no standardized tests, because standardized tests are too "stressful" and "traumatizing" – to prove it, they show results from manipulative "social-emotional" psychological surveys they conducted on kids behind parents' backs. In this "re-imagined" education paradise, grades are not based on each student's knowledge, but on each student's "effort" and "curiosity" in class, on their "empathy" and "humanity" toward teammates who free-ride on others in "collaborative projects", and on the grade's impact on overall "equity" in the school. Graduation rates will rise, "achievement gaps" will vanish So much can be achieved when you control your own performance metrics!

But first, those hard-studying Asians must be disappeared -- hence these facially race-neutral admission changes designed for one purpose only. And hence also the unleashing of anti-Asian hate: "White by proximity", "the school doesn't look like New York City/Virginia/America", "Stuyvesant looks like Chinatown", "too many Asians", "you people have all the advantage", "**you don't belong here**" -- exactly what anti-Asian thugs mutter while pummeling Asians on streets. Not surprisingly, they who make it their life's mission to seek out and perform outrage over "hate crimes" incite hate crimes against Asians.

Our TJ victory may be appealed; our other cases may frustrate. No matter -- we fight on. For America's sake, we must keep fighting until meritocracy is restored, equal rights under the law is reaffirmed, and Justice prevails.

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