



The co-chairs of the DSEA Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee and DSEA leaders have made the decision to meet with Rep. Gerald Brady after his hurtful and racist comments towards the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, specifically Asian women. In the wake of attacks against the AAPI community, these comments cannot and will not be tolerated. We need to address the comments to end this cycle of hate as our AAPI students and educators have been harmed.

As a union, DSEA works to stand up and speak out for our members and students in a myriad of ways. What was said was wrong and inexcusable. We want to work to prevent these types of verbal attacks from happening and will continue to speak out and stand up for those who are the target of hateful comments and actions. The union stands in solidarity with our AAPI educators and students.

As educators, our goal is to help our students become successful adults and active members of society. A part of this is the education of acceptance and anti-racism, the policy or practice of opposing racism and promoting racial tolerance.

No one is without mistakes. We here at DSEA know that all too well. But we need to address the issue when it arises to keep it from continuing a cycle of harmful words and violent actions. This needs to start with addressing deep-seated racism and restoring the connections with our AAPI community. Representative Brady needs to be accountable to the very community he has harmed. That is why we chose to meet with Rep. Brady before deciding what, if any, further action is necessary.

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