

Dear Honorable Members of the Vermont House Committee on Education,

On June 4th 2018, U-32 Middle and High School in East Montpelier, VT raised the Black Lives Matter flag, led by our brave BIPOC students. In the nearly 3 years since the flag was raised, many other schools all over Vermont have raised the BLM flag. Recently, [Bill H.92](#) was read in the House Committee on Education to prevent all public schools in Vermont from flying any flag other than the Vermont state flag and the U.S. flag.

We are alarmed to read in a [VTDigger article](#) that one of the bill's sponsors says he believes "Black Lives Matter is an extreme and violent organization" and "as for the Pride flag, it's just perverse." This viewpoint leads us to believe that Bill H.92 was created in direct response to Vermont public schools raising BLM and Pride flags.

The U-32 Seeking Social Justice Alliance does not support Bill H.92. As a school we are invested in becoming an antiracist, equitable, and inclusive school that supports and celebrates all students. We support BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students. Limiting the flags to just the Vermont state flag and the United States flag is a deliberate effort to silence student voice.

We recognize the hard work and dedication of BIPOC students to raise the Black Lives Matter flag at U-32 and at schools around Vermont, and we are proud that our school stands up for racial justice and equity.

We invite you to join join us for a statewide forum on Wednesday, February 3rd from 3:30-4:15 to discuss what the Black Lives Matter flag means to students around the state. It would be an honor to have you in attendance.

Please [Fill out this form](#) to RSVP and receive the Zoom link.

Additionally, we would be interested in knowing the upcoming agenda for when Bill H.92 will be up for discussion again. We understand all meetings are accessible via Zoom.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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