AWSL RACIAL EQUITY STATEMENT  
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The Association of Washington Student Leaders provides leadership opportunities that support and increase the academic and social success of all students.

AWSL has believed in bringing equity to the forefront of leadership. Rooted in that belief we have worked alongside The Association of Washington School Principals in ensuring equity and diversity serve as paramount pillars in our work.

As part of the strategic plan, two succinct goal statements have taken shape to drive our work. Through recent national events, one of the goal statements is requiring us to reflect, listen, and act.

Goal 1: Identify and dismantle historically inequitable and deeply entrenched systems in our state by equipping school leaders with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead equity in their respective contexts.

In 2018, AWSL developed a belief statement, that we will continue to use as our compass with all programs, resources, curriculum, and organizationally.

We acknowledge that we have work to do. We are committed to learning more and teaching more about how to be not just non-racist but anti-racist. We are committed today to further engage on these vital issues with people of color who play a vital role in the success of our organization.

Together we will make AWSL a better, more inclusive, and an anti-racist space for all students, educators and stakeholders. We remain committed to creating a world where diversity, equity and inclusion are no longer merely words, but thoughts translated into actions.

**AWSL Belief Statement:**

AWSL believes that all students and adults have the ability to lead in their school. In order to promote social and academic experiences for all, our focus provides opportunities, support and resources to:

- Examine, interrupt, and address patterns of historic and current oppression.
- Engage, connect, and collaborate with others.
- Create safe schools where all are valued.
- Feel successful in school and life.

[AWSP Anti-Racist Statement](#)