

In light of the recent murders of Black people at the hands of police, as well as the subsequent state violence in response to peaceful protests, Stanford Science Bus stands in solidarity with Black students and community members. Violent and racist policing, unequal educational opportunities, and hateful rhetoric from the highest levels of government are just a few of the ways that white supremacy and institutional racism permeate all aspects of our society. As a science outreach organization working with largely FLI elementary school students, we see these inequities firsthand in the woeful lack of diversity and representation in many of our own departments at Stanford.

We acknowledge that statements of solidarity alone are not enough. Black Lives Matter, and we are committed both as individuals and as an organization to doing the work of educating ourselves and taking action to dismantle the systems of oppression and violence, here at Stanford, more broadly in the STEM community, and society in general. Knowing that early education disparities contribute to the systemic racial divide in the country, we will use our platform as part of a privileged academic institution to provide resources and experiences to help close this gap.

Sincerely,
Stanford Science Bus

