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Spring Activities (and dunk tanks) from an EDI lens

As we enter the warmer, and final stretch of the school-year with Spring-like weather, many schools are planning fairs and other community gatherings. We encourage and remind members to use a lens of equity, diversity and inclusion when planning for such gatherings. It is also important to ensure that school district policies and procedures are followed. Some districts will have clear procedures and expectations as to which type of events can and cannot be included.

For example, it is important to understand that dunk tanks (which used to be common at school events) have racist origins, and were a carnival game that was originally used to perpetuate racism and white supremacy. For this reason, this particular event is not deemed appropriate by many districts due to the deeply racist origin.

Members are encouraged to ensure that all school activities follow district policy and procedure, and also are planned from the lens of equity, diversity and inclusion.

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