



*A Declaration of Self*



**Words have meaning and names have power.**

— Author Unknown

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## **My Name, My Identity**

Did you know that mispronouncing a student's name negates their identity, leading to anxiety and resentment and even hindering academic progress? Help us build positive school cultures for students and families by inspiring students to claim their own names and learning to respect others by pronouncing everyone's name correctly.

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