



Inspiring All  
Students to Soar

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Dear Kingsley Families,

I am writing to you as a father and educator to express my frustration and anguish. The deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and so many others whose lives have come to an end too soon are the direct result of systemic racism and white supremacy. These are systems and structures that will require all of us to help to make fundamental change a reality in our society and world.

The ongoing efforts to discuss, learn, share knowledge, and fight racist ideas are what made me desire to become a part of this school district and community. When I think of and reflect on the experiences of our Black and Brown students I know that we can do more to affirm who they are, truly see them and their genius, and help them to reach their full potential. This is the work that I'm committed to and I welcome your continued support and partnership as we continue to seek and work towards a socially just and anti-racist society.

I recommend that you help your child process what they've seen about these current events. As a parent, I understand that these conversations are difficult. However, it is critical to have these conversations so that our young people develop empathy, an awareness of racism, bias, and the effects that these systems have in our school community, city, state, country, and world. It can be helpful to start by asking how they feel and what you can do to support them. This will provide an opportunity to share how you and your family will not accept racism, racist acts, and how you want to help make this change a reality for everyone. If you are in need of resources to help with these conversations please click [here](#) and our [D65 Black Lives Matter Website for Families](#).

I stand with Dr. Horton about the need to lead with passion, use research-based practices, and be persistent in our mission to drive home equity to improve the outcomes for the marginalized.

Thank you. I appreciate your ongoing partnership and support.

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**“The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands in times of challenge and controversy.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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