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Dear Greenfield parents, families, and community,

On behalf of our GUSD family and leaders, I write to send my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. George Floyd and to the many individuals, communities and families all across our nation that are flooded with emotions, distress, and anger. Mr. Floyd's death was sickening and has heightened the voices all across America who are demanding justice for our African American community as well as all people of color. Our Greenfield commitment is grounded in the principles of ensuring that ALL students, staff, and community members thrive because we value diversity, morality, and equity. This has not and will not ever change.

As a female, Latina Superintendent, my heart is full of sadness and frustration that we live in a world that does not treat all children and adults equally. We know by our most current events that racism, discrimination, and inequity continue to exist and the targets of such acts continue to be our brothers and sisters of color. This is not ok. We must work together to ensure that ALL students are allowed to lead their best life free of injustice. Our commitment continues to be to provide an education full of opportunities for every child and family we serve so that they may lead their best life. We stand with our brothers and sisters of color and firmly believe that *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*—Nelson Mandela

As we embark on the next few months, I want us to be filled with a hopeful heart that is committed to supporting each other through inspiration, positivity, and love. I want our teaching practices to continue to inspire our young children and youth as we use education to transform the racial, inequitable, and cultural differences that have rocked our nation. We will offer our children hope for the many challenges that lie ahead and remind them every day that we are stronger together and we stand with them in their hope for a brighter future!

If you want to speak to your children about what is happening in our nation today, please view resources on talking to your children with compassion.

- [Teaching Tolerance provides resources for talking to kids about race and racism](#)
- [HealthyChildren.org – Talking to Children about Racial Bias](#)

You may also access resources on reading together as a family on race and racism.

- [National Association of School Psychologists: Understanding Race and Privilege](#)
- [Embrace Race: Read-aloud books for raising a brave generation](#)
- [27 Books to help you talk to your kids about racism](#)

I want you to know that as your superintendent, I am here to support and guide our school community through this difficult time and will do everything I can to best serve our students and families through the practices and policies that make Greenfield a great community that we are ALL so proud to call home.

With love and admiration,

Zandra Jo Galván

Superintendent

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