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Dear TCCS Community,

We write to you with feelings of sadness, outrage, and disgust in the aftermath of the senseless murder of George Floyd.

As the administrators of our proudly diverse school, we feel a responsibility to lead by example in standing up against the institutional racism that contributed to this hateful act and ensuring that our voices are heard in the fight against racism, injustice, and inequality.

We are also aware that our students may have many questions and concerns during this time. While we have learned that it may be challenging to connect and provide emotional support in the same way during distance learning, our administration, teachers, staff, and social worker are fully committed to providing whatever support we can. As mentioned in previous communications, we encourage you to reach out if your student or family are in need of any support.

This week, we will be having class discussions with our upper school (5th-8th grade) Social Studies classes regarding the current events surrounding the death of George Floyd and the protests and social unrest that have followed. These discussions are being facilitated with the help of TCCS parent and community member, Vernon Johnson, who is the Principal at the Brooklyn High School for Law and Technology. We are thankful to Mr. Johnson for agreeing to speak with our students and to assist with these difficult discussions that are so important for us to have.

We encourage you to have these important discussions at home, as well. To assist, we would like to provide a few recent articles and resources on speaking with children about violence, racism, social injustice, and traumatic events:

tolerance.org [Child Mind Institute](http://ChildMindInstitute.org) [GMA](http://GMA.com) [Today Show](http://TodayShow.com) [Child Mind - Trauma Recovery](http://ChildMind.org)

Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions. Please stay safe and take care of one another. Now, more than ever, the strength and solidarity of our community will help us to heal and to make a positive difference for our students and the world that we all share.

Thanks and Best Regards,

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