



BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"where fine education is a heritage"

Statement from Superintendent Regarding Social Unrest

June 3, 2020

In light of recent and tragic events that have included the unfortunate and unnecessary loss of life of George Floyd and the protests that have followed, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools shares this message of unity, compassion, respect for others and inclusion of all individuals.

Our District includes students, staff and families of all races, beliefs and backgrounds, and each of them are entitled to the freedom to pursue their goals and aspirations without the threat of discrimination, injustice and institutional bias of any kind. Racism in our culture and our public institutions cannot stand. At the same time, we do not condone acts of violence. Rather, we ask our school family to use this moment to talk with one another, especially our children, to speak out against racism, hatred and bigotry and also to communicate that words matter and proper protests can be a vehicle to condemn inequality while promoting shared values.

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools community needs only to look to its Culture Playbook for a sense of those shared values. We feel strongly that in order to **BEE YOUR BEST**, we must bravely and firmly use words of reason so that the voice of fairness and equality can always be heard... in order to **BEE THE FUTURE**, we must have a clear and collective vision of what we hope the days ahead will look like, and then peacefully, purposefully and passionately pursue our futures by modeling the behavior of respect, compassion and love toward one another. Then, and only then, will we truly **BEE ONE COMMUNITY**, where everyone in our BBHCSD school family can confidently be secure in our shared convictions, have the courage to make the future a better place, and show the world how we can change, and rise above hatred and injustice, one student...one parent...one staff member... and one person, at a time. Some helpful resources for you to use with your families are below.

- [National Geographic - Talking About Race](#)
- [Parents.com - Teaching About Tolerance, Talking About Race with Kids](#)
- [Tolerance.org - Beyond the Golden Rule](#)

Sincerely,

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