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A Fully Accredited, Missouri A+ School District...

Dear Center School District Family,

Last week, George Floyd was killed while in police custody in Minneapolis. Ahmaud Arbery was chased and gunned down while jogging in South Georgia; and Breonna Taylor was shot and killed by police in her Kentucky home. These are the most recent heartbreaking examples of racial injustice. Our hearts go out to our nation and our Center School District family as we mourn the senseless loss of life due to all forms of violence.

At Center, our core values state: All students will demonstrate high expectations for student success, safe and respectful schools, positive relationships and diversity in our schools and community. To encourage these values inside our schools, we need our community and nation to support similar values. We need to collectively work to create an environment committed to the fundamental principles of equity, non-discrimination and anti-racism outside our school walls as well.

We are proud to serve the children and families of Kansas City. Unfortunately, these events are occurring in the context of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and we encourage our students, families and community to remain well and safe.

At Center, we are committed to continuing to put an end to racism in our community. We believe every act of racism or discrimination under any circumstance erodes the great strides we have made in our school community. Our mission reads, "All students will demonstrate high achievement, character, and teamwork in a diverse community. Together, we achieve!" To fully realize our mission, we must continue to work together to show solidarity and stand against racism and hate in all its forms.

We encourage our Center School District family to continue to uphold meaningful and peaceful ways to stand in unity against racial injustices. We ask that you please be kind to one another, embrace one another for all of our differences and most importantly be careful and be safe.

Our goal is with more respect, understanding and the willingness to continue to learn, together we can and will achieve.

Sincerely,
The Entire Center Leadership Team and Board of Education