

# *Beecher Road School*

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Dear BRS Community,

The recent events in our nation over the past week are unsettling, and can often leave parents wondering how they can support their children and their community members. As a Beecher community, we are here to provide support to our families and our students.

There are many resources that are available to families, and we share with you only a few. It is up to you, and your family, to determine the best and most meaningful way to engage in conversations around race and trauma. The attached excerpt is from a longer article that provides a framework for parents to talk to kids of varying ages about protests and racism.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FItMmb4w5tmgBE7zuVNNPh8LuMHiHxCs/view?usp=sharing>

We also know the power of stories to spark curiosity and jump start conversations. To that end, we share with you a list of 80 curated books with diverse characters. You may find that here.

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/books-with-characters-of-color> Yet one more resource for parents is from the American School Counselor Association. There is a wealth of information and resources here:

<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/learn-more/race-and-equity-resources>

We would like to thank members of our Community Diversity Committee for their partnership in finding resources to support families.

If you or your child would like to speak to our School Psychologists and/or School Social Worker and use their expertise as a resource, you can contact them directly.

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Even though we are physically apart, we are joined together as a community that believes deeply in kindness and respect. We are here to support you, and your children.

Sincerely,

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## *Our Mission*

*Beecher Road School is a caring, creative community that models and inspires the joy of life-long learning, embraces diversity, and celebrates the unique qualities of each person.*