

# William Penn School District

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As an African American male, father of an African American son, and the new Superintendent of the William Penn School District, I do not condone the actions taken against George Floyd by the Minneapolis Police. No one was able to help Mr. Floyd because armed police officers were standing by ready to shoot anyone who approached. I do not believe that all officers use excessive force; however, we all want to BREATHE.

All of us deserve to live in a community wherein all people, regardless of race, gender, economic status, position, or address feel valued, heard, appreciated, and protected. This is the environment I expect that our students are educated within. This is the environment that I expect our staff to work within. Anything short of this expectation is detrimental to the well being of our educational community.

As the leader of a school district supporting six boroughs (Aldan, Colwyn, Darby, East Lansdowne, Lansdowne, and Yeadon) I want to ensure that we create school environments that support our children. I am committed to ensuring that every child in the district is supported. I look forward to working with school staff to make our vision a reality for ALL and not SOME.

Implementing racist practices is not aligned to the mission and vision of our school district. I understand that our students may be experiencing a range of emotions during the unrest in our community. I am sure that many parents are having discussions with their children. The conversations must continue in our educational community and I am committed to doing just that.

I firmly believe this is the time for all of us to work collectively together for the benefit of the students we serve. We will get through this together – We are William Penn Strong - #WPSTRONG.

Ready to Serve  
Dr. Eric J. Becoats  
Incoming Superintendent