



To the Princeton Day School Community,

Our school community is saddened by the news of the mass shootings in Atlanta where six of the eight victims were of Asian descent. We're reminded of how rhetoric can lead to deadly behavior. The rise in anti-Asian behavior is directly tied to the fearmongering and scapegoating of Asians and Asian Americans as COVID-19 continues to spread. In the past year alone, there have been 3800 reported hate incidents. This is evidence of the many forms of unrelenting deeply-rooted racism in the world, and It's important that we name it for exactly what it is.

As we continue to make change in our community by providing safe spaces for all of us to show up as our full selves, it's imperative that we come together during these times to alleviate feelings of fear, isolation, and further marginalization. Solidarity and hope can serve as powerful counters to finger pointing and xenophobia.

Programs such as our Lunar New Year celebration are steps in the right direction, but there's more work to be done. Our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, must remain strong as we continue to work together in the fight against racism and hate of all kinds.

Together we stand with the members of our community who identify as Asian or Asian American.

Sincerely,

Anthony McKinley