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Dear Families,

Last night's murders in Atlanta add another horrific incident to a now year-long surge (and decades-long history) of violent and racist attacks against Asian-American people across this country. As multiple reports have underscored, nearly 3,800 reports of hate incidents targeting Asian-Americans have now been received nationwide since last March.

These attacks on our Asian-American brothers and sisters should be seen starkly for what they are: unbridled racist and xenophobic violence. I want to make it very clear that our school district adamantly condemns these assaults, as well as all other incidents of anti-Asian hate crimes. I also want to make it clear that we are deeply committed to keeping track of any such evidence of anti-Asian bias within our community and taking swift action to address it when it does occur.

To help both our teachers and our families, we have compiled resources on talking to students about anti-Asian hate crimes. The teacher resources are available on our the AUSD "[Anti-Bias Curricula](#)" page. The family resources are available on our "[Tools for Family Conversations](#)" page.

I urge all of us to stand up for the safety, security, and civil rights of our Asian-American brothers and sisters and assert our commitment to a continuous pursuit of a just, humane, and inclusive society. These are the values we want to instill in our students and the values that we believe our employees and fellow community members should model.

Respectfully,

Pasquale Scuderi  
Superintendent