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Dear Miller Place Community,

The death of George Floyd, and the now global series of protests in response, remind us that systemic racism and social injustices continue to persist throughout our nation and across the world.

Like many of us, our students may be experiencing a myriad of emotions—sadness, fear, or anguish. Please note that the social-emotional needs of our students remain a top priority. Our school community of teachers, principals, and mental health staff are available and ready to support our students through these difficult times.

In MPSD, we proudly place a heavy emphasis on engaging students in curriculum and programs that emphasize the value of inclusion, reject hate and prejudice, and celebrate kindness and empathy.

Our teachers and staff miss our students tremendously. We know this has been an overwhelming and stressful time as we close out the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Please consider the following resources, recommended by our mental health staff, that may offer support:

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/24/716704917/when-the-news-is-scary-what-to-say-to-kids>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Talking-To-Children-About-Tragedies-and-Other-News-Events.aspx>

Healthy and safe thoughts to all,

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