## Martha's Vineyard Public Schools

Excellence and Equity For All Children

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Dear Families,

The horrific killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sparked outrage nationwide and has ignited a movement toward equity for all. The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools stands united against the inequity that exists in our country.

The public schools on the Island will lean on our core values of trust, collaboration and responsibility. Our mission is not only to educate our students, but also to develop traits that contribute to a strong character and a supportive community. Our diversity is our strength, and we will continue to build the foundation of our schools on trust in each other, collaboration to create a better world, and the responsibility we have to our community.

During this pivotal time in our nation, the schools will maintain our outreach to students and their families to sustain engagement in education and to provide a safe space to share ideas and voice concerns. Let's stand together against racism and hatred. Thank you for your continued support of our children of the Island schools.

Sincerely,

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.