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Email Subject: WMA - A Message from the Principal

Dear Parent,

As a Mercy school, we grieve and pray for George Floyd and others in the African American community whose lives have been lost and whose families have been affected by violence rooted in racism. We also pray for those African American families in our own community who share in the trauma of these events in a very personal way that the rest of us cannot wholly understand.

As a Mercy community, we stand with all who acknowledge that systemic racism is a serious issue in our country today. Commitments to anti-racism, non-violence, and social justice are at the core of our mission and what we teach our students to live in their daily lives. To do this, we have to be aware of racism and how it affects our world and our community. We have to be angry and sad and then get to work.

As people united in Mercy we commit ourselves to that work of eliminating racism by specifically teaching and discussing with our students and each other the Critical Concerns of anti-racism and non-violence, encouraging prayers and actions for justice and peace, and recognizing and supporting the dignity of each person. You can visit the MESA (Mercy Educational System of the Americas) website for a list of educational resources on anti-racism and all of the [Mercy Critical Concerns](#).

And, as you read this, please join me in prayer and the hope that together we can and will make change happen. Our children deserve it.

In Mercy and Prayer,
Ann Marie