



AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PREPARE, SUPPORT, INSPIRE!

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Dear Amador County Public Schools Families & Staff,

This school year we have faced more challenges than ever before. Our families, staff and students have persevered through these challenging times. With the current state of the nation, I believe it is our duty to speak up for our students, families, and community members. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the related protests and rioting that have occurred throughout the nation provide a sobering reminder that we still live in a world that continues to struggle with matters of diversity and equity.

For educators, this can and must be a teachable moment. No other institution has the presence or the mission to provide the guidance needed to help our children understand the significance of the moment we are in. Our children are watching. They have access to social media. Like millions of others, many of our children are witnessing the recent events. They want to know why this is happening and what will be done about it. Please know, in ACUSD, we remain committed to our mission statement to prepare, support, and inspire each student. Our county is enriched by the diversity of our community, and our hearts are with all of our students, especially those from historically under-represented and under-resourced backgrounds, as they watch what is happening throughout the nation. We stand behind our students, their families, and their unique cultural backgrounds. We see you, and we offer you our support.

It is crucial at this time that we continue to ensure the safety of all our students. To do this, we will continue to educate ourselves and step out of our comfort zone to help support and address the issues that our families and community members face. We will continue equity training to provide a safe environment for all of our students. We will continue to research, read, listen, and ask questions. We will continue to support all of our students.

The following resources are available to help support equity education efforts everywhere.

[A Conversation on Race: Short Films](#)

["Are You Speaking Spanish?"; How To Ask Questions About Differences](#)

["The World Is Unfair": My Head-On Approach To Talking About Homelessness With My Daughter](#)

["If They're Both Straight" And Other Thoughts](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Slavensky
ACUSD Superintendent