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Dear FJUHS Community,

As we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, our nation is also grappling with the news of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis. This disturbing news has led to both peaceful protests and violent activities. We are deeply saddened by the death of George Floyd, and sympathize with the pain and suffering reverberating throughout our communities. As a community, we are proud of our students, faculty, staff, parents and community partners who are peacefully protesting to affect change.

As a lifelong educator and superintendent of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District for the past five years, I am extremely proud that our students have the ability to come to an environment where they are not judged by the color of their skin or their ethnic background and are free to express themselves. High school is a time of preparation for the future and part of this process is the exploration of new ideas and interests our students have not been previously exposed to. I guarantee we will continue to offer an education and environment that provides all of these opportunities.

We are aware that the protests we are seeing in some of our neighborhoods and across the country may have a profound impact on our students, our families, our employees, and our entire community. Students may feel scared or angry during this time, uncertain about curfews and concerned about media reports from streets they may recognize. This may raise stress and anxiety for students on top of what they may already be feeling due to coronavirus and school closures. We encourage you to have conversations with your students about the events that have and continue to unfold across the nation.

The District has a team of well-trained mental health professionals who are ready to serve and support our students during this time as well. Please feel free to reach out directly to your school site for counseling support. As an added resource, we have included a link to the Orange County Department of Education's recent publication on how to help children cope with tragic events. Click here to view it. [How to help children cope with tragic events](#)

Our students, more than ever, need to feel safe and be heard. Please continue to listen, reassure, and affirm them. They give us hope for a better future.

Sincerely,

Scott Scambray, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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