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Dear Member of the Beechwood Community,

As leaders of Beechwood School we are deeply saddened and angered by what is currently happening in our country. Yet again, an unarmed black man, in this case Mr. George Floyd, has been killed by a white police officer. Racism and violence, two things we work hard to combat through our work with young people, are now on full display in our society and it is painful to witness.

We recognize that these events have been painful for our community, in particular for our black families and staff who have endured centuries of unequal treatment and been the victims of countless acts of violence at the hands of whites. We further understand that our community is diverse and many members are experiencing the trauma of recent events. We are only two voices of many and we recognize that everyone is experiencing these events differently.

For those of you who are hurting, we hear you, we feel you, we support you. We promise to renew our efforts to teach our students to stand up for what is right. We promise to renew our efforts to educate ourselves and to confront racism and injustice in our world.

Sincerely,

Dave Laurance
Current Principal
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