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Dear Ellington Family -

Over the past several months, the global pandemic distanced the Ellington Family from each other geographically but in many ways it brought our community closer together. The amount of love, patience and support amongst community members has been amazing.

In light of recent tragic and violent incidents including the death of George Floyd, it is now more important than ever for the Ellington Family to support and love one another. One of the Ellington Public Schools' Core Beliefs is *"we create an equitable, inclusive and supportive culture where people are safe, accepted, and valued"*. Each member of the Ellington Family - regardless of race - is entitled to this respect. Our commitment to this is non-negotiable.

The Ellington Public Schools has developed a web page of resources that may be of support for our family members. Moreover, our school counselors are available should students need a forum to express and process their feelings.

[EPS' Social-Emotional Supports and Trauma Informed Practices](#)

The Ellington Public Schools has and will continue - into the 2020-2021 school year - to work within the community and throughout the region to ensure that our students and staff are safe, accepted and valued.

Anything less is unacceptable.

Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools