

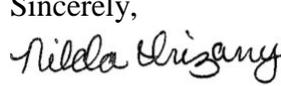
June 5, 2020

Dear IAR and FHS Families,

Across the district, we have been longing to connect with students and families regarding the events unfolding across our nation. We hope you've had a chance to read the letter sent to earlier this week from our Farmington Board of Education Members and our Superintendent, Kathy Greider. The letter is intended to provide resources to foster conversations around the events in our country that have been devastating and heart wrenching. In it, the letter states that "as a school district community, we stand united against any form of racism, racial violence, or social injustice." In Farmington, we feel a deep sense of urgency to continue our work on racial equity and social justice.

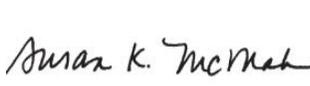
Typically, we would be together as a school community during a time like this. We are better when we are together, when we are able to listen to and reassure our students, to process our feelings with one another. Our secondary faculty and staff stand ready to help you and your family in any way we can. Below are some resources that may be helpful to you. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to a teacher, school counselor, or administrator if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to heed the words from a recent communication from a parent in the community to a secondary school counselor in which she shared, "The realities in front of us are difficult to look at but it is at this time, these moments we do better not only for ourselves, but for our communities, our families, our friends, our colleagues, and most importantly for our children."

Sincerely,

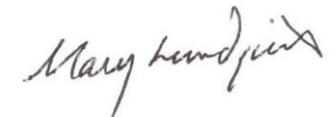
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Resources for Families from the CT Center for School Change

[How to Talk to Your Children About Protests and Racism](#)

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Race, Racism and Police Violence.](#)

Resources from the CT Psychological Association

[Parent Toolkit: How to Talk to Kids About Race and Racism](#)

[A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice](#)

[How to Use Media to Raise Anti-Racist Kids](#)

FPS Equity Matters Website

[Please Visit Farmington's Equity Matters Website for Additional Resources](#)

