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**STATEMENT FROM THE CHERRY HILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING THE VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA ON MARCH 16, 2021**

We, the members of the Cherry Hill Board of Education, stand with the Cherry Hill Public School District in condemning the violence in Georgia on March 16, 2021.

As representatives of the Cherry Hill community, we support all students and families. Their health and safety are our top priority. We stand with our Asian students and families, supporting them during this especially tumultuous time, when many of them fear for their own well-being.

The Cherry Hill community and the Cherry Hill Public Schools have long decreed that hate has no home here. To that end, the Cherry Hill Public Schools has [policies and practices](#) dedicated to a learning and working environment rooted in dignity and respect, free from bullying and harassment. We remind the community of the resources available through the school district to find support, including the guidance counselors in every school building and additional mental health resources on the [Student Assistance page](#) of the District website.

All of us who serve on the Board of Education are either parents in this school district or have raised our children in this school district. Our commitment to the continued improvement in cultural proficiency, equity and character education for all students remains strong.

We invite you to join us in working together against all acts of violence, and in making our community stronger through empathy and cooperation.

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