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Dear Cherry Hill Public Schools Community,

The Cherry Hill Board of Education and the Cherry Hill Public School District communicated with you 11 months ago regarding our horror at the death of Mr. George Floyd of Minneapolis, MN. Like many of you, we followed the Derek Chauvin trial.

We understand that this week's verdict may bring about strong feelings. Again, we are particularly concerned for our students and families of color, for whom the trial coverage may have magnified their own struggles, and for whom turning off the news does mean a break from experiencing fear and worry. Our guidance counselors and student assistance counselors are available via their email addresses on our school websites and will respond quickly to students and families who reach out. Additional support resources, including how to help children cope with traumatic events, are listed on the [Student Assistance page of our District website](#).

Our school district continues to work every day to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which our students learn and grow, whether in a remote or in-person environment. We have [policies and practices](#) in place to make sure everyone in the Cherry Hill Public Schools community has the opportunity to learn and work in an environment where they are treated with dignity and respect, free from bullying or harassment. We do not discriminate on the basis of color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status or disability, and we continue our dedicated work in Cultural Proficiency, Equity and Character Education to ensure constant improvement in these vital aspects of education.

As superintendent, I want to assure you I am working with staff to increase our outreach to our families and to be sure all members of our school community are supported during this time.

I encourage you to reach out to me at jmeloche@chclc.org to share your thoughts or request a phone conversation.

Please stay safe and well.

Regards,

Dr. Joseph N. Meloche
Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools