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### STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

Dear Lansing School District 158 Community,

As we conclude the final weekday of the last week of school, it saddens me to think that racism, inequity, and marginalization are still part of our society in 2020. Although Lansing School District 158 has successfully completed the 2019-2020 academic year during a global health pandemic, our country still has quite a bit of work to do to stem the threats of racism, hate, and civil unrest. People across the nation and in our own neighborhoods are grieving, angry, and scared. District 158 stands in solidarity with those who are rightfully demanding justice and we offer our condolences to the family of Mr. George P. Floyd.

District 158 categorically rejects racism in any form and acknowledges that every human being is deserving of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We value diversity, love our students, honor the differences among us, and support families who are hurting right now both in Lansing and across the country. The work our District has done over the past 11 weeks of school closure and Memorial Junior High School's Virtual Graduation, in particular, demonstrate the love, value, and support we have for Lansing's diverse children. Black lives matter and all of these young adults deserve equal rights and opportunity for success.

I understand and take very seriously the responsibility District 158 has to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies in all of our students that will lead to a healthy, tolerant, and equitable society. As we continue to strive towards this mission, Lansing must confront our current challenges as a united, diverse community. Racism has no place in District 158 and we seek to promote justice, peace, and dignity for all.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our schools or staff members for support during these difficult times.

Your Partner in Solidarity,

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### DECLARACIÓN DE SOLIDARIDAD

Estimada Comunidad del Distrito Escolar 158 de Lansing,

Al concluir el último día de la última semana de clases, me entristece pensar que el racismo, la inequidad y la marginación siguen formando parte de nuestra sociedad en 2020. Aunque el Distrito Escolar 158 de Lansing ha completado con éxito el año académico 2019-2020 durante una pandemia de salud global, nuestro país todavía tiene bastante trabajo que hacer para detener las amenazas del racismo, el odio y los disturbios civiles. La gente en todo el país y en nuestros propios vecindarios está afligida, enojada y asustada. El Distrito 158 se solidariza con aquellos que legítimamente exigen justicia y ofrecemos nuestras condolencias a la familia del Sr. George P. Floyd.

El Distrito 158 rechaza categóricamente el racismo en cualquier forma y reconoce que todo ser humano merece la vida, la libertad y la búsqueda de la felicidad. Valoramos la diversidad, amamos a nuestros estudiantes, honramos las diferencias entre nosotros y apoyamos a las familias que están sufriendo tanto en este momento en Lansing como en todo el país. El trabajo que nuestro Distrito ha hecho durante las últimas 11 semanas de cierre de la escuela y la Graduación Virtual de la Escuela Memorial Junior High, en particular, demuestran el amor, el valor y el apoyo que tenemos para los diversos niños de Lansing. Las vidas negras importan y todos estos hombres y mujeres jóvenes merecen igualdad de derechos y oportunidades de éxito.

Entiendo y tomo muy en serio la responsabilidad que tiene el Distrito 158 de desarrollar los conocimientos, habilidades y competencias en todos nuestros estudiantes que conducirán a una sociedad sana, tolerante y equitativa. Al continuar esforzándonos hacia esta misión, Lansing debe enfrentar nuestros desafíos actuales como una comunidad unida y diversa. El racismo no tiene lugar en el Distrito 158 y buscamos promover la justicia, la paz y la dignidad para todos.

Por favor, no dude en comunicarse con nuestras escuelas o miembros del personal para obtener apoyo durante estos momentos difíciles.

Su socio en solidaridad,

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