

Letter to Sanford Community
From Superintendent Matt Nelson

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As Superintendent for the Sanford School Department, I feel compelled to express my regret and sadness regarding the killing of George Floyd and other Black Americans in our country due to police violence. I care deeply about our students, staff and the Sanford community. I have a responsibility to condemn the violence we have seen and to provide justice, education, and opportunity for every student no matter their race, religion, sexuality, or gender. I have tremendous respect for the Sanford Police Department and other officers around the country who bravely serve to protect us.

I believe in a future of peace and prosperity for all of our students. Equity, inclusion, respect and the acceptance of diversity are important to a positive climate and culture in education. To end racism, we need to continue to learn, and to listen with an open heart. This work is challenging, but necessary, and we need to continue to work together to reach this goal.

Please join me in pledging to end racism and hate, wherever it exists, with peace, kindness, and love and to find peaceful and supportive ways to promote positive change in our schools and community.

Matt Nelson