

We Stand Against Racial Injustice

At Augsburg Fairview Academy, we stand against racial injustice and we condemn the killing of George Floyd. As our vision states: AFA is committed to serving and participating in our local community, working compassionately to promote social justice and equity through education, and contributing to our intercultural family. We work to infuse social justice and racial equity in all ways, every day.

On Monday, May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, died on the street in front of Cup Foods, under the hands and knees of Derek Chauvin, and three other Minneapolis police officers. This was not a split-second move made under pressure or an imminent threat of attack. Chauvin's actions appear to be intentional, completely avoidable and were in fact prohibited by the MPD. We will not turn a blind eye to institutionalized racism nor will we victim blame, trivialize the motives of the perpetrator, or claim that the moral outrage is exaggerated.

Black, Brown, and Indigenous lives matter. George Floyd matters. We do not tolerate the disregard of his life. We denounce police abuse. We stand with all who are oppressed. We resist racial injustice.

We grieve with George Floyd's family, friends, and our communities. We must ALL find the courage to demand an end to police brutality and murder. We seek to understand the root causes of racism, work to mitigate the hateful bigotry in our communities and encourage our students to peacefully exercise the right to protest.

At AFA, we are a passionate learning community dedicated to serving the academic, social, and emotional needs of high school students in a safe and welcoming environment. We will continue to provide social and emotional support, now and always. We commit to using our voices and will continue to actively do the work to develop our racial consciousness so that our students, families, and colleagues of color are seen, understood, and loved.

We stand with you in solidarity.

Honoring George Floyd,

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