



Dear Members of the Manhattan Charter Schools Community:

We are enduring an extremely difficult period in which we have witnessed many racial injustices, including the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless other Black Americans. The events that have unfolded across the country over the past weeks have a foundation in systemic racism against, and oppression of, Black people across all facets of our society. We stand with those members of our community. Now, as always, we commit to support justice for people everywhere, starting with the Black members of our Manhattan Charter Schools community.

We call upon our leaders at every level in our nation to speak out against these grave injustices, to call for severe consequences for those who perpetrated these crimes, and to set a precedent to prevent such crimes against humanity from occurring again.

Manhattan Charter Schools were established on the foundation that our children deserve an equal opportunity to achieve their full potential. We continue to work toward that goal every single day. We truly take pride in our culture and diversity and will always continue to condemn racism, bigotry, and injustice.

We hope that there is no doubt that Manhattan Charter Schools are fully committed to these values and our continued effort to work together to embrace and promote them. We reaffirm our pledge to prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusion in our work, our programs, and in our conversations with our students, their families, and our community. We continue to commit to educating ourselves by listening to and learning from the perspectives and stories of our students, their families, and our staff.

We are here for you. Black lives matter.

Sincerely,

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Manhattan Charter Schools Board of Trustees