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Dear Levittown School Community:

As the Board of Education and I watch the focus of news change from COVID19 to violence in the streets of our nation, we must admit to feeling disheartened. Regardless of one’s political views and opinions, the death of George Floyd is tragic, and our hearts go out to his family as well as all who are experiencing anxiety and who fear for the safety of themselves and their loved ones. The Levittown School District denounces racism and discrimination in any form.

Our country has always been an experiment in democracy and we have always been up to the challenge. We are not perfect, but at our heart, we believe we are a good nation, and as Abraham Lincoln wrote in the Gettysburg Address, we are a nation “conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Throughout this past spring, our community has backed up these beautiful words by supporting each other through a global pandemic that has claimed the lives of thousands of Americans. The outpouring from our community was consistent and donations of food, money and time were made with love to all those who needed help. These few months have taught us much about the goodness of our school community who have come together to support those in need of food and support at this difficult time. We have never been so proud to be from Levittown.

Let us continue to think with love and to act with kindness, as our country evolves through these difficult times. Let us believe in each other and let’s commit ourselves to listen with open ears and open hearts to all. Let us take special care to show our children the wonderful things in our world and our smaller Levittown community. Let us remember to be thankful for the good we have and to be generous to those who have less. Most importantly, let us be an example to those around us as we continue to be kind, generous, accepting and loving to our fellow citizens of our great nation.

Sincerely,

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