June 3, 2020

Dear Wayne-Westland Families,

This past week has been difficult and full of trauma and pain for many of us as we see the unrest that exists in communities all over our country. As educators and parents, it is hard to understand recent events and even harder to explain it to our children.

As your children are asking questions that are difficult to answer, please know this. Wayne-Westland Community Schools stands against violence and racism and FOR equity, inclusion, and acceptance. Our District is and always will be a place of acceptance. Students of every race, color, creed, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics have a place in our school where they will be welcomed and celebrated for the person they are. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated, everyone is welcome.

Schools are a place where our students should feel safe, be able to express themselves, and know they are accepted and supported. Our staff works hard to ensure this.

It will take time and work, but hopefully, we will be able to come back together as a nation, truly change, and heal from a very difficult time in our nation's history. This can only be done by accepting each other, working together, and striving to learn and grow every day. Our students deserve no less.

Wayne-Westland is a community and our community needs to be rooted in acceptance. If we stand strong and together, we will get through these trying times. Be safe and know that Wayne-Westland is, and always will be, YOUR community.

Thank you,

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Interim Superintendent