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Words cannot express the anger, frustration, and sadness we feel over the death of George Floyd. This is yet another needless tragedy and unnecessary loss of life of an African American man. People of color in our community experience racism every day. This must end. We must fully acknowledge the injustice of our history and actively work to directly address and disrupt the racism and discrimination facing far too many of our students, families, and staff members of color. Because of the current state of safety, we find ourselves separated, both emotionally and physically, from others. We are reaching out today so that our students, families, and staff feel less alone, unsupported, and isolated as we process what's happening around us once again.

The Sun Prairie Area School District is committed to ensuring that our students will be safe and loved in our schools, and to doing our part to educate our students, families, and staff so we can change the lives of everyone in this community and the world. We are driven by our SPASD Equity Framework: <https://www.sunprairieschools.org/district/equity>. Additionally, our school youth advocates, our school counselors, social workers, school psychologists, teachers, and administration and support staff are here for you. Support for students and families will continue to come from our school teams throughout next week.

For far too long, the powerful and privileged have ignored the everyday struggles of our fellow community members. As two men who recognize and acknowledge our privilege, you have our commitment that we will work even harder to do our part to stop the injustice and realize our school district's mission of Every Child, Every Day.

With Commitment,

Brad Saron, Superintendent

Steve Schroeder, School Board President