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Dear Colleagues,

The past few months have challenged all of us with the spread of COVID-19 and its many tolls on our communities. However, the past few weeks have been extremely agonizing. The horrific murder of George Floyd, the most recent in a long history of indefensible actions and violence against Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, reminds us that racial injustice is a reality that plagues many in our country. The ongoing protests over systemic racism and police brutality voice deep-rooted anger and pain.

The LSSTC leadership stands with the Black Lives Matter movement and denounces all acts of racism and bigotry. We reaffirm our commitment to forging a community rooted in respect, equity and inclusion – embracing our diversity.

Positive, measurable change will not come easily or quickly. This movement is an opportunity for all of us to effect real change. As individuals, we must be committed to hold ourselves accountable and take actions that advance the beliefs we hold. We must join and support those who are working to build a society that is grounded in racial and social equity. We know we are better together.

In these difficult times, let us remember to be especially considerate and respectful to each other in our thoughts and actions.

Sincerely,

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