

March 22, 2021

Dear Emery Community,

The past few days and weeks have been extremely painful for our community due to the growing attacks on our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members. The latest report from Stop AAPI Hate has revealed that nearly 3,800 reports of anti-Asian incidents have occurred over the past year. We are deeply saddened by the tragic deaths that occurred last week in Atlanta, Georgia and join the country in mourning.

Together we stand in solidarity with our AAPI community at Emery, and throughout the nation. We will always fight against hatred and bigotry, for an attack on any member of our community is an attack on all of us. At Emery, we pride ourselves in being a place where all of our students, families, staff and community are valued and appreciated. We believe that diversity and inclusion strengthen our community, and are a source of pride.

We would like to share some important resources as we all try to make sense of these actions and to foster understanding and support for our AAPI community:

- [Learning For Justice: Speaking Up Against Racism Around the Coronavirus](#)
- [Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center: Kindness Heals](#)(Activities, Videos, Resources for Classrooms and Families)
- [What You Can Do to Fight Violence Against Asian Americans](#)
- [Sesame Street: How to Be an Upstander to Racism](#)

We urge our students to reach out to a trusted teacher or their school counselor or social worker to discuss their feelings and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact your school if you or your family would like additional support.

Once again, we are here for our Emery community. Let's lean on each other during this difficult time, and let's continue working together to create a better world for our young people.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Quiauna Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Quiauna Scott, Superintendent