

April 20, 2021

Dear EUSD Community,

As the jury rendered a guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin case for the death of George Floyd, we must recognize that what was equally on trial is the structural racism that has plagued our nation from its inception.

Today, there was recognition that the institutions that have held our nation together have not always held everyone equally accountable for wrongs committed for many in our community. For some community members, the idea of trusting these institutions is a given, but for others, these systems have demonstrated that we are not all treated equally.

As we begin to move forward, we must remember that we all have much more in common than society wants us to believe. We are all driven by the pursuit of happiness and a better tomorrow. If we focus on what brings us together rather than what divides us, we have the opportunity to truly make our nation the beacon of light it was always intended to be for every generation.

I urge you to have a conversation with your family about the verdict and the bigger social issues leading to today. If we all do our part and have these difficult conversations collectively, we will one day overcome the challenges we face today and eradicate racism.

For an extensive list of resources to support educators and families in having critical discussions with children and youth regarding social justice, please visit [aco.org/justice](https://aco.org/justice).

Together, we are stronger. Thank you for everything you bring to our district.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Quiauna Scott  
Superintendent