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Dear Elk Grove Unified Community Members,

Every day for the past three months, with every breath we take and have taken, we have feared the spread of a deadly disease where there is no vaccine. To survive and protect the health and safety of our community and those communities around us, we united our efforts, we worked together to heed the advice of our public health officials and we took every precaution to prevent further infection.

Yet, against this same backdrop of unified protection, we witnessed the death of George Floyd, where his breath was taken from him by another disease, an affliction of another sort, one that we as a society must also unify against to overcome. The gravity of what we, and our children saw in Minneapolis deeply concerns me and every educator I know. We rose and stood together to protect our students and community when the disease of COVID-19 came upon us, and we must continue to unite against hate and racism, resolute in our past efforts and inspired to renew and ignite continued efforts to create a more equitable society for our children.

Tomorrow, we will begin to celebrate our Class of 2020 graduates and hope radiates from every one of them. Their resilience during these unprecedented times has set an example for all of us and their brilliance lights our way forward out of the darkness of this pandemic and the storm of racism and inequity that continues to divide us. As educators, we support the voices of our students and we strive to help them find safe, sound and equitable solutions to questions and problems they face, knowing that our children are our future.

We have made great progress in educational equity and I invite you to visit the website that was created by our [Office of Educational Equity](#). I ask that you actively reach out and engage in your own community building, healing, and anti-racism activities. Follow the actions of our very own students in our Student Equity Councils. These student leaders, in coordination with the Sacramento Council Equity Group provide resources and supports for students, staff and families.

I remain wholly and absolutely committed and resolute to continuing and amplifying our path of commitment to educational equity. We will not tolerate hate, racism or discrimination within Elk Grove Unified. In solidarity with our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, public education not only plays a vital role in bringing about change in the classroom toward educational equity, implicit bias and systemic racism, it is foundational to the success of our very social fabric.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent