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Dear Students, Staff and Community Members,

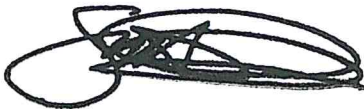
In addition to having to deal with the unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic and quarantine, our nation is now struggling to deal with the tragic death of George Floyd who recently died while in the custody of Minneapolis, MN police. The video of Mr. Floyd's tragic and senseless death has sparked outrage leading to both peaceful protests and civil unrest.

As we watch our nation struggle to deal with these issues, and to wrestle with broader matters related to power, race, equity and justice, we wish we could be together in order to embrace these issues in a traditional classroom setting. Education is at the heart of societal change, and we know that many of our students have found their voice and have strengthened their ability to call for change through classroom activities. I encourage teachers and students to embrace these matters during the remaining weeks of virtual instruction, and I look forward to our school being more committed than ever to active and informed citizenship, as our mission statement calls on us to "...prepare students to become responsible and productive members of a diverse society."

The global pandemic, coupled with this senseless tragedy and ensuing unrest has painted a picture of our world which can be sad and demoralizing. Do not despair! Rather, have hope for a better tomorrow, and be mindful of the abundance of goodness displayed within our school community on a daily basis. Individually and corporately, we will continue to work for a better world and we will soon be working for it together -- at High Point!

Be well: remain passionate and remain hopeful.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott D. Ripley
Superintendent