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Dear MJSD Families,

We join with members of our school district, the Menasha Community, and those across the country in sorrow and grief at the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis this past week.

The Menasha Joint School District is committed to the work that needs to be done to ensure that all of our students--particularly our students of color--are able to thrive in an equitable and anti-racist school environment. Additionally, we will continue our efforts to build a school community that is based on inclusion and respect for diversity.

For students and staff who may need support during this time, the Menasha Joint School District has counselors who are available, as well as our STAR Coordinators at the high school and the middle school, and our Elementary Equity Mentor.

Additionally, please see the attached resources for those looking to support their own learning and/or support students in conversation.

- Teaching Tolerance [Website](#)
- Promoting Excellence for All from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction [Website](#)

Sincerely,

*Chris L. VanderHeyden*

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Superintendent