



## **A Measure of Justice**

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Dear Colleagues,

A measure of justice was rendered in the trial of Derek Chauvin, who was found guilty of the senseless murder of George Floyd in a case that unleashed worldwide protests and demands for change. We stand with the families and communities impacted by both the verdict and the loss of loved ones.

George Floyd's murder magnified attention on centuries of institutional racism, inequality and oppression faced by people of color, particularly our Black communities, as well as the relived trauma. At our District, it prompted a [Governing Board resolution](#) making a commitment toward creating an anti-racist culture and immediate action at the colleges. As a community, we voiced our strong commitment to fostering an inclusive environment that recognizes and respects people of all cultures, backgrounds, and experiences.

While we can acknowledge the significance of this event in history, we still have a long way to go - at the District and in the nation - in creating an environment where anti-racism prevails, especially in the lives of our Black communities. We ask you to join us in reaffirming our collective commitment to recognize, name and dismantle racism in all of its forms.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." We must bend this arc together.

In solidarity,

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