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Dear Wareham Community,

It is with great sadness that we again witness such a tragedy with the unnecessary and untimely death of Mr. George Floyd. Many educators dedicate their life's work to correcting social injustices. We want to protect any and all that may feel or be marginalized. When something like this happens, it is a shocking reminder that school systems have a long way to go. The Wareham Public Schools are responsible for making sure that we continue to address inequity and injustice. We are deeply sorry and extend our support to all of those in our community feeling angry, afraid, and grief stricken.

Since 2016, when the Wareham School Committee approved our Strategic Plan the vision of our district states, "*Wareham Public Schools believes that all members of our school community should be **Appreciated, Impactful, Joyful, Connected, and Balanced** in order to continue to offer **Challenging, Engaging, Innovative, Globally Minded** educational experiences, providing a competitive advantage for our students, our school, and our community, **to create a better world**.*" What occurred on May 25th does not demonstrate the creation of a better world. Divided and separate we are so much less than what we can be together.

Our teams have been and will continue to explore and enhance opportunities for our school community to learn, celebrate diversity, and promote inclusion and equity. If you are having a difficult time, please reach out to our leaders, counselors, and social workers. They are here to help and truly want to hear from you. Below there are some age -appropriate resources as well as books and links that were shared by other school districts to assist in speaking with your families.

Resources for Families shared by Duxbury Public Schools

[How to talk to kids about race & racism](#)

[Table Talk - Family conversations about current events](#)

[Teaching Tolerance: Race & ethnicity](#)

[Becoming Upended: Teaching & learning about race & racism with young children & their families](#)

Resources shared by Whitman Hanson School District

Books

The Skin You Live In, Michael Tyler

Same Differences, Calida Rawles

You Matter, Christian Robinson

The Colors of Us, Karen Katz

Link

National Museum of African American History and Culture Releases “Talking about Race”
<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/national-museum-of-african-american-history-talking-about-race-virtual-exhibit>

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times,

Sincerely,

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