Dear Friends of the Durham Community,

The senseless murder of George Floyd prompted a global movement. Our nation continues to protest against racial injustice due to the horrendous killing of Amaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. We know that racist actions can be traced as far back as slavery and what we are seeing in our nation comes from decades of hurt and injustice. This racial awareness is something that America must start talking about with a sense of urgency.

Racism is exhausting. We must not become complacent now and think that everything will be okay. We must continue the dialogue and talk with one another even if it’s uncomfortable. Find your courage deep within. If you see something that isn’t right, stop the silence and stand up to racism. We can begin by addressing guilt, fear, and anger. Open your minds. We must see the humanity in one another in order to invoke change. When we end the silence, we change the nation.

The mission of Communities in Schools of Durham is to surround our students with a community of care and support. We are committed to social justice. We will continue to stand up against racism and inspire change in our communities for Black, Brown and other minority brethren.

Very Respectfully,

Communities In Schools of Durham