



Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools

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Good afternoon, Families.

This letter will be different from my usual Friday letters. We have watched repeated images of the terrible and senseless death of Mr. George Floyd, as well as the violence that has occurred in some of our nation's major cities. These acts of hatred have no place in our multicultural society.

The Parsippany-Troy Hills Township School District has developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan which strives to produce students who are problem-solvers and self-directed individuals, and to help all students become adaptable, confident citizens who embody self-awareness and strong interpersonal skills, capable of responsible decision-making and managing their emotions and behaviors. Our district values student voice and we were so very proud of the way many of our students and their families conducted themselves during Tuesday evening's *Parsippany March for Black Lives*.

Our school counselors are available to assist you and your children at all times – and, especially, now. Additionally, here are some resources for how parents can talk to their children about social justice:

[NASP – National Association of School Psychologists](#)

[Chicago Public Schools – Say Their Names](#)

[Talking about Race \(National Museum of African American History and Culture\)](#)

As we prepare to conclude this very challenging school year, may I offer these final notes:

- The last day of distribution of school lunches for ***any student in need*** will be ***Monday, June 29 (for two days of meals)*** between 11:00 a.m. and noon.
- Please take the NJ Department of Education survey (sent via *School Messenger* on Wednesday and provided here [COVID-19 Parent Reopening Survey](#)) to express your thoughts about the re-opening of school in September.
- Information about summer learning opportunities for K-8 students (optional and free!) will be shared next week. Online instruction in literacy and mathematics will be provided by our own Parsippany teachers.
- Elementary and middle school ceremonies will remain virtual. We are holding July 8 (PHS) and July 9 (PHHS) for in-person outdoor graduation ceremonies.

With best wishes for your family's health and happiness,


Dr. Barbara Sargent
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