



## Franklin Township Board of Education

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Dear Franklin Community,

"Franklin Township Public Schools embraces its diversity, fosters excellent educational innovation, and empowers all students to achieve their highest potential." This is our mission; it is on all Board of Education materials. However, they are words on a page if we do not make sure that diversity and inclusion are represented in all our policies, curriculum, and supported in our budget.

We stand with Dr. Ravally and the district's leadership team on their recent statement. We are proud of our former graduates and current students who are bringing racial and social injustice to the forefront. As they have reminded us, we cannot remain silent. The collective culture of the world is not inclusive of liberty and justice for all. We need to continue to thoroughly evaluate who we really are and what we want the world to see, not only as individuals but as a community. Our communities are stronger when we stand united against hate and remain united under our common values to simply exist without fear, intimidation, or threat of physical violence.

We are on the precipice of change in this country. As the Board of Education, we renew our commitment to listen to your voice and engage in beneficial conversation, learn from the mistakes of the past, and push to live together to make Franklin represent the change that the world needs to see.

We are truly Franklin Strong and Black Lives Matter!

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