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Dear Union Beach Community Members,

The events of the past days and weeks have shone a spotlight on the ongoing injustice across our country. Union Beach School District would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our stance against racism, bigotry, and oppression in all their forms. These must be condemned as they have no place in our society. We embrace diversity, equity, and mutual respect.

These events have brought about conversations about racism, discrimination, activism, and protesting. We understand that these topics can be challenging, but we also believe they are essential to making this world a better place for our children. In order to facilitate those conversations, we have provided several resources below for your consideration. Our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Nesbihal, is also available as an additional resource to students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her.

- **Children's Books About Activism**
- **Children's Books to Help Talk About Racism and Discrimination**
- **Children's Books that Help Kids and Teens Understand Why Black Lives Matter**
- **What to Say to Kids when the News is Scary**
- **Helping Children Cope: Tips for Talking About Tragedy**
- **Talking to Kids About Racial Violence**
- **Teaching Tolerance and Empathy to Children**
- **Children Are Not Colorblind: How Young Children Learn Race**
- **Common Sense Media Resources About Race and Racism**
- **Resources for Talking About Race, Racism, and with Kids Racialized Violence**

Sincerely,

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