

TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON AND THE SOUTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Offices of the Town Manager and Superintendent

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A Commitment to Healing During a Time of Crisis

To Our Community Members, Families, Students, and Staff Members,

The death of George Floyd and the events surrounding his death have shocked every member of this community and people of many colors in communities across this country. It is disheartening that our children must witness these events. Many of us witnessed the marches, the unrest, and the riots of the 1960s into 1970 and the Kent State Massacre. It is so hard to believe that after the last fifty years in this country, we have not been able to overcome the terrible specters of racism and violence.

While those of us without black or brown skin will never understand or experience the fear, pain or suffering that exists for families of color in our community, we stand beside you to show you that the collective "we" must continue to show solidarity and commitment to ending the racial inequities and disparities that have existed for so many years.

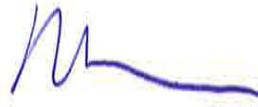
Today, as one town, one community, we must support our families of color as recent weeks of senseless tragedy continue to highlight the racism, hate, and bigotry rooted in communities across America. We cannot and will not keep silent. We must speak out against racism and violence in all its forms, regardless of the consequences. Our friends, our neighbors, our children deserve better than this from their country.

Our community knows and understands that during this time of crisis and unrest, we must come together to forge ahead as we find the essence of our humanity. We have done it before. Let us come together and actively challenge the structural and systemic practices that hinder the commitment of our country to creating an equitable, inclusive environment that focuses on the well-being of our citizens. We cannot be blinded any longer by injustice and pain.

Respectfully,



Timothy F. Connellan
Superintendent



Mark J. Sciota
Town Manager



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