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THE QUAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Quad Prep Community,

Today, our nation is seized by protest and outrage. The police killing of George Floyd, coming hard on the heels of the killings of other African Americans in the past weeks and months, adds to our nation's most shameful history, commencing with slavery and persisting for centuries. And, this pandemic has laid bare for all to see the injustices and inequities of our country and our city. The reality that bias and systemic oppression are so deeply intertwined with other aspects of our culture and society is undeniable.

The Quad Preparatory School joins with others in condemning, in no uncertain terms, the racist violence that has continued to lead to profound injustices, including most horrendously in the heedless loss of life for people of color in 2020 America.

Rooted in the belief that our students and all people are to be proudly celebrated for their whole selves, and founded in the belief that we can, by our actions, effect change, Quad Prep exists to advance humanity. Our mission clearly mandates that through our school “we are leading a larger movement in service of both twice-exceptional people and society at large.”

This moment reminds us why we need to do more than profess those values. Each day, all of us in our community are faced with myriad opportunities, small and large, to bring about change. In alignment with our core values, we bolster our commitment to challenging our assumptions and work; to dismantling racism in our own school and community; and to making Quad Prep a safe and equitable place for our African American students and colleagues—and all of our students and colleagues of color—to thrive in education and in life.

We understand that members of our community might be affected by this personally and we want to let you know you are not unseen—we are here for you. And, I call on all of you in our community —especially those of us, like me, who are white— to ask better questions and to embrace our need to learn so that we can more fully live up to the values we hold dear. In the coming weeks we will create opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to meet and discuss recent events and their implications for our school and our society.

I believe with all my heart and have lived by all my actions under the certainty that small, personal efforts matter, and incrementally, change can happen. I am grateful that you and I share Quad Prep and its mission to improve the world today and for future generations. In looking forward to the work we have ahead of us, I wish you peace and strength.

All my best,

Kim

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