

Statement from the Princeton City School District Regarding Violence toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

The Princeton City School District (PCSD) denounces prejudice, violence, and hate crimes toward any person or group of people. Recent news stories reflect an increase in violent crimes directed toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, including last week's shooting rampage near Atlanta. Anti-Asian rhetoric and violence are evidence of racism, which we will not tolerate or accept.

PCSD is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for all students and employees. We are dedicated to ensuring that every student has equal access to the District's educational programs and activities. We are committed to carrying out our mission of "empowering each student for college, career, and life success."

We firmly believe that establishing a deep sense of belonging and building a future for our community and our world is critical, where each individual is equally valued and every person's potential is realized and fulfilled.

We recognize that this is a difficult time for our community, especially our Asian-American staff, students, and families. We encourage our students to reach out to a trusted teacher, staff member, administrator, or their school counselor to discuss their feelings and/or concerns. We urge our staff to take advantage of the mental health and [additional resources](#) provided by our Human Resources Department.

To learn more about PCSD's ongoing Equity and Anti-Racism work, please visit www.princetonschools.net/equity. Lastly, we urge every member of our community to listen to and support one another.

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