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Dr. Frank Ranelli
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Piscataway Families:

Tuesday's violence in Atlanta was heartbreaking, and a horrific example of the rise in harassment, threats, and violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community across the country. We share Atlanta's grief, and recommit to our school community's work for racial and social justice.

Piscataway Schools will continue to offer our students time and space to process these events, and discuss how we can collectively and individually advance racial and social justice for all. We stand with Piscataway's AAPI members, and encourage our community to reach out to AAPI friends and neighbors, listen to their stories, and support their efforts.

Below are links to resources for further discussion and information:

- Podcast "Getting Unstuck: Standing in Solidarity a Processing Conversation"
- Addressing Anti-Asian Bias | Learning for Justice
- <u>The State of Education for Asian American Students: Equity Considerations | Great Lakes Equity Center</u>
- Curriculum / Lesson Plans | Asian Americans Advancing Justice LA (advancingjustice-la.org)

Please encourage your children to reach out to their guidance counselors via email or phone if they need assistance in any way. The Haven, Piscataway's school based mental health program, is also available to assist students and families. The Haven can be reached at 732-981-0700, ext. 2250 or via email at Haven@pway.org.

Very sincerely,

Dr. Frank Ranelli