



ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Alum Rock Family,

Please take a moment to reflect on today's headlines and talk to your children about them.

As the jury rendered its verdict in the Derrick Chauvin case, we must recognize that what was equally on trial is the structural racism that has plagued our nation from its inception.

Today, for many in our community, there was recognition that the institutions that have held our nation together have not always held everyone equally accountable for wrongs committed. Although for many in our community the idea of trusting these institutions is a given, for others these systems have time and time again demonstrated that we aren't all treated equally.

And, we must move forward. We must remember that we all have much more in common than society wants us to believe. We are all driven by the pursuit of happiness and a better tomorrow. If we focus on what brings us together rather than what divides us, we have the opportunity to truly make our nation the beacon of light it was always intended to be for every generation.

Tonight, I urge you to have a conversation with your family about the verdict, and the bigger social issues leading to today. If we all do our part and have these difficult conversations, we will one day overcome the challenges we face today and eradicate racism.

Thank you for everything you bring to our district. It is our differences that make us strong.

Sincerely,

Hilaria Bauer, P.h.D.
Superintendent

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