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Good Afternoon Everyone,

As we close out the week, we wanted to address our staff on the cries for justice that have been voiced in our community and across our nation. This week we have witnessed protests and demonstrations across all 50 states and 18 countries around the world – making this the largest civil rights demonstration we have ever seen. The killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon Reed, and too many others in a list that is too long are brutal and unconscionable. At Victory College Prep, we believe that as MLK stated, “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” and that as a school, we have an immense responsibility to live this belief for the students we serve. Simply put, our country is delivering injustice to our black community and we cannot tolerate this.

As a school, providing a diverse staff, diverse experiences, celebrating black history month, and discussing inclusion is simply not enough. We must begin to actively educate our staff and our students that we live in an inequitable society and that we will not stand for it. We must shine a light on the racism that exists in our world and our community and we must consistently model what it means to be a meaningful voice or an ally to those who need us most. As such, both principals will be reaching out to their staffs later today to discuss what comes next for VCP – how we can begin a dialogue as a staff and how we can continue to define our school as a place that sparks change for our students and families.

In closing, we want to let you know that we are not only here for our students and families, but also for our staff. We are here to listen and to support you through what ever emotions and feelings you are experiencing. If you are saddened, enraged, afraid or even hopeful that change is on the horizon as you process this past week, please know that we want to continue to work with you and support your right to engage in this movement. We stand behind you and beside you should you choose to protest, engage in support through social media, or donate in any other way to this important cause. As a school community, Victory College Prep will do its part to validate the black lives matter movement and amplify the voices of the black community.

With all our love and commitment to a unified community and country.

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