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Dear Whitehall-Coplay School District Community,

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This school year has certainly been a challenge as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 Pandemic. As difficult as life has been during a global health crisis, we wish to acknowledge the trauma and pain many have felt in relation to the death of George Floyd last May and the recent trial and verdict for Derek Chauvin. The Whitehall-Coplay School District is empathetic and understanding of the emotional toll many of our students, staff and community members have had to face with connection to our nation's ongoing complex and controversial racial issues.

As a school district, we accept the responsibility of supporting and empowering our students through this difficult time. We want to reassure our school community that our staff, school counselors, school psychologists and administration are available to assist students in processing any feelings of pain, loss, fear, anxiety, frustration, distress and/or fatigue.

Meeting the social and emotional needs of our students is of the utmost importance as we enter into the last stretch of the academic year. Please know that the Whitehall-Coplay School District believes strongly in promoting an inclusive environment regardless of race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexual orientation and gender identity. If your child is ever in need of any support, we encourage you to reach out to their school, so that we may assist.

Sincerely,

WCSD Administration