



Amelia Earhart Middle School

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Dear Amelia Earhart Middle School Students and Families,

As I reflect on the events unfolding in our nation, I have found myself struggling to comprehend the vastness of the pain and suffering we are enduring, and I feel an overwhelming desire to comfort and assure students and families that our school and Riverside Unified School District **unequivocally denounces** racism, injustice and prejudice in every form.

As these events make fresh Earhart's own struggles of this past school year, I want to assure you that our school staff strive each and every day to embody our core values: Honesty, Achieving Excellence, Work Ethic, Kindness and Serving Others. While we may stumble in our journey, I flatly refuse to allow us to waiver from that path. Doing what is right and true is not always easy, but it is always worth the hard lessons, the discomfort, and the growth that this mindset brings to every adult and child at our school and in our community.

When we left school in March, there were several things in the early stages of planning that were being put in place to ensure our students at Amelia Earhart Middle School spend each day in an educational "home" free of racism, discrimination and violence. When we return to our "AEMS home," no matter what that form may take, we will continue that mission of equity, continue to embrace our diversity, and continue to strengthen our moral and social responsibility to inclusion.

It is my strongest desire that our students always feel valued, safe, heard, and respected by each and every person on our campus. I am grateful for the continued support of our families; I cherish our existing open communication, and I will always welcome and encourage you to be a part of our school community at Amelia Earhart Middle School.

Sincerely,



Amanda Chann
Principal