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The events of the past week have once again highlighted that racial disparities still exist in our nation. I hurt for the victims and families impacted by the senseless violence. To be clear, Howell Public Schools does not tolerate racism or mistreatment of any person(s), and we are committed to providing a learning environment where students feel safe, welcome, and included. I am not naive and know that there is still work to be done to ensure that every student feels welcome in our district.

Over the past few days, I have received emails from current and former students regarding these events. One of the statements from a 2019 graduate resonated with me.

While we cannot erase the past we can make attempts towards bettering the future.

The statement acknowledges the past and current injustices and yet calls on all of us to do more. I don't have the answers. However, as an educational institution, we have an opportunity and responsibility to help better our future.

To our students and families of color, we are listening. We see you, we hear you, and we are here to support you. While we may not share the same experiences, together we are One Howell.

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