

Dear Explorer Families,

We are writing this letter to acknowledge the deep pain our community and the nation have suffered due to the horrific death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers on May 25, 2020. The unrest of our nation during this time is not due to a single action, but a history of violence and systemic racism against African Americans in this country. As a school serving African American students, Westlake Charter has an obligation to collaborate with our community to examine the biases which guide our own practices.

As a Board of Directors, in collaboration with our community, Westlake Charter School crafted a mission, vision and strategic plan to include teaching our students to embrace equity, diversity, inclusion and cultural competence. In light of recent events, we are asking ourselves to push further. We believe that our work must include more than raising awareness about privilege and racism. We must also actively pursue anti-racism through thoughtful review of our guiding frameworks. This work will take reflection and commitment from all stakeholders, however, it is the work our community deserves.

Westlake Charter School stands with our community and is committed to engaging in this work. Thank you, families, for all that you do in support of Westlake Charter School and our greater community. Our collective hearts go out to those feeling the pain of this moment. We hold up our highest hope that this may be a time of reflection, action, and ultimately transformation.

Sincerely,

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