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Dearest Eastpointe Schools Community,

In the wake of George Floyd’s death, and the significant social movement that has followed, demanding America pay attention to its shortcomings as it relates to racial disparity, the Eastpointe Federation of Educators has reflected on the need for a strong America and local communities that fights for and protects the rights of all. This is especially true for the victims of systematic and historical racism of which the public education system has been a long standing focus of the fight for equality. Through the years, our members have worked together to provide the best education possible for Eastpointe students. We know that a whole child community approach to education is vital in correcting the hundreds of years of historical and systemic injustice present in our society.

As in the past, we will continue our work with local authorities to ensure the safety of all of our students and the greater school community. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff work tirelessly with administration to ensure every child’s right to an education. Our local president, Mr. Stocks, works on the state and national levels of our union to be a voice for our students. The union and the administration work together to constantly analyze how we can serve the needs of our students better. We work together to break down the barriers that our society has sadly built for so long. We are confident that Eastpointe Community Schools is making significant progress in realizing this goal.

As enshrined in the Bill of Rights in the United States Constitution, all people own the right to peacefully protest. We stand alongside those who seek to make a brighter America for all. We want to leave you with the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi,

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

We will not be silent. We affirm and believe in the fundamental promise that all people have the right to be treated equally under and by the law. We will fight to ensure that children have the right to an education that is just, well rounded and full of opportunity. We will continue to provide the best avenue to fulfill that promise, here at Eastpointe Community Schools.

Sincerely,
On behalf of our executive council and all of our membership,

Lincoln Stocks
President Eastpointe Federation of Educators