



MAYNARD H. JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear MJJ Family:

Once again, we must grapple with a tragic, traumatic reality, this time in our own backyard. Like so many others, I am heartbroken by the recent murders of eight people, six of whom were Asian women, at three different businesses in Georgia. On behalf of the Maynard H. Jackson High School community, I share our deepest condolences to the victims' families and friends. Furthermore, I know that this event has had a particularly profound effect on the Asian American community throughout the country, including here at MJHS. This unthinkable occurrence has brought to the forefront the xenophobia, racism, misogyny, and violence experienced by Asian Americans in our country. Please join me to stand in solidarity with our Asian American family in denouncing such hate and violence. We must all stand united against hate, in any form, as no people, and especially our children, should have to live in fear.

I would like to share some resources for your consideration from the *Asian Americans Advancing Justice* organization:

1. Sign on to the *Asian Americans Advancing Justice* collective community statement: bit.ly/aaajcommunitystatement
2. Donate to support the victims and their families: bit.ly/DonateToGeorgiaAAPICommunity
3. Share crisis response resources: bit.ly/georgiaAAPICommunitycare

Furthermore, should any member of our school community need support or guidance as you contemplate this recent tragedy or your own experiences with violence, hatred, racism, or sexism, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school social worker, your counselor, or myself so that we can either provide you with or connect you to additional support.

In prayer. In support. In solidarity. In action.

Adam

Dr. Adam J. Danser, Principal

