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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Asalaamu-alaikum FEA parents and community,

I would like to begin this letter with a *hadith* from the Prophet (pbuh).

On the authority of Abu Sa'eed al Khurdree (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say, "Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart-- and that is the weakest of faith.] [Muslim]

I am writing to you as the words 'I Can't Breathe' are shouted with our tongues, are held in the fists of our hands, and echoed in our hearts. I am writing to you in the name of justice and solidarity with the Black community as we mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Stephon Clark and countless others, named and unnamed.

Justice and community are the essences of Islam. It is our responsibility as Muslims to uproot racism and anti-blackness within our own communities. We must stand with our Black brothers and sisters as they take to the streets, social media, and our communities to protest police brutality and systemic racism.

I encourage all of you to speak to your children of our duty as Muslims to ward off evil-- today, it is racism. We want to echo the calls made by the Islamic Schools League of America, who ask all educators, parents, students, and community leaders to "unequivocally reject the perpetuation of racial injustice in this country."



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This begins in our own communities. Speak to your children about the history of racial injustice and systematic inequality in this country. Speak to your children about the vibrant Black Muslim tradition within the United States. Encourage discussions within your family to confront our own personal prejudices.

At FEA, we will be taking steps to examine our school's curriculum, to ensure our history includes all facets, highlighting the legacy of racial injustice and contemporary Black leaders and figures. We must remember, that none of us are free until we are all free.

Join the Muslim community for a peaceful protest on Saturday, June 6 at 10 am at the Tarbiya House Natomas, Parking Lot (1164 National Dr., #30, Sacramento, CA 95834). I hope you join me as we gather together and hold space for the lives lost and the lives affected by systemic racism.

Black Lives Matter.

وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَام

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