



Dear Danvers Public Schools Community,

The mission of the Danvers Public Schools is to be a “dynamic community of independent learners dedicated to respect, responsibility, creativity and the pursuit of academic and personal excellence.” The word “respect” comes at the beginning of the statement in defining our shared sense of purpose, direction and opportunity. It is with deep respect that we share the [Joint Statement](#) from the Town of Danvers on the death of George Floyd.

We want to acknowledge the current situation in our country. We teach our students not to be bystanders to social injustice, and we work to model this behavior for them through our actions. As we plan for school buildings to re-open in the fall, we will continue to prioritize Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as we emerge from this challenging time. We will also look for signs of trauma in our children and incorporate social justice into our curriculum. The Danvers Public Schools is committed to making sure that students feel safe, cared for and heard as they navigate our complex world. Additionally, we will be updating our website with social justice resources for teachers and families.

Since we are not physically in school buildings during this unprecedented time we offer the following age-appropriate resources for parents and guardians to help guide conversations at home:

[NPR Podcast - Talking Race With Young Children](#)
[31 Children's Books to Support Conversations on Race, Racism, Resistance](#)
[Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice](#)

We are committed to making every school in Danvers welcoming and inclusive. We will continue to work to ensure that the Danvers Public Schools is “an inclusive community of learners that is respectful of individual differences, in which all students are valued for their unique strengths, talents, and challenges” (DPS Strategic Plan Vision Statement).

If you have suggestions on this or other topics, please contact your school principal, the superintendent, or one of the assistant superintendents. Contact information can be found on our [website](#).

Respectfully,
Danvers Public Schools Administrative Team
Danvers School Committee

Caring. Quality. Commitment. Collaboration.

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