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Dear Bonita Unified Community,

This past week, our televisions and mobile devices have become inundated with images from around our country that have filled us with strong reactions and emotions. While our world struggles to navigate complex issues regarding race relations, community policing, and free speech, I want to assure our community that Bonita Unified's commitment to equity and diversity is unwavering.

Bonita Unified's core values are equity, mastery, and a focus on results. Because we know that systemic inequities do exist, our District continues to work to ensure all of our students receive the services they need to be successful.

At times like these, our children look to us for support and guidance. In our roles as educators and parents, it is important that we prepare our children for these hard conversations to address their concerns and validate their feelings. It is vital, especially now, that we listen with empathy and respond with honesty.

Our Bonita Unified community has always been one that works together to support one another, actively engaging to become better educators, mentors, and supporters of our mission, which is *"to prepare every student to live their purpose."* Thank you for joining with us in supporting our 10,000 students and 1,100 employees in this endeavor.

As a district and as members of society, we will strive to be inclusive of all people and be examples to our children that everyone should be treated equally, with dignity, and with respect. I know that as we address these current challenges, the strength of a united Bonita USD will see us through.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Coles
Superintendent