



**P.S. 59
THE
HARBOR
VIEW
SCHOOL**

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Dear Harbor View School Community,

We are reaching out to you in response to the recent events across the country. At The Harbor View School we strive to support our students and families during these challenging times. We recognize the importance of speaking with our children about their feelings and emotions and are prepared to address difficult conversations with them.

At The Harbor View School we are committed to instilling our core values:

- 🚣 **Respect and Caring**-We believe in a caring, respectful, nurturing community where everyone has a voice and is celebrated for their unique skills and talents
- 🚣 **Collaborative**- We believe in working with others as we question, think, and find answers
- 🚣 **Investigation and Questioning**- We believe in the process of learning that occurs naturally when engaging in investigation through questioning and research
- 🚣 **Reflective**- We believe in being reflective in our daily practices, actions, words and beliefs
- 🚣 **Intentionality**- We believe in planning, being thoughtful and purposeful in everything that we do and say

Below are some of the ways we envision this work occurring in our school. You'll recognize that some of these are already in place, some are in development, and some are goals for us moving forward.

- 🚣 Engaging in Restorative Practices
 - Activities and conversations that encourage students to share their experiences around race and diversity
 - Restorative responses to discipline and bullying
 - School culture practices that support a diverse and diversifying community. Culture building, sustaining, and repairing.
- 🚣 Valuing and Amplifying Student Voice in our community
 - Student Council to provide insight on equity, school culture and academic culture
 - Engage in morning and closing circles
- 🚣 Addressing Academic Access
 - Embarking on Culturally Relevant and Responsive curriculum review
 - Engaging with Culturally Responsive teaching practices

From all of us at The Harbor View School, we love you, miss you, and are honored to serve you in our different roles in our school community. As always, we are just an email, text, or phone call away. Please join us tomorrow for our weekly coffee and conversations as we discuss vision boards as a way to use this method to allow your child to express their feelings, hopes and wishes for the future.

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