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Dear Mount Pleasant Cottage School Community:

In these challenging times, I hope this email finds you and your family well. As we continue to be separated as a school community due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the nation faces the tragic reality of continued social injustice and racism. The senseless deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breona Taylor this spring has caused justifiable outrage in the community and across the country. With students and staff viewing these tragic images, we are saddened that our buildings are not open to better support members of our community that are undoubtedly dealing with many emotions, including anger, fear, and anxiety.

Our district's vision statement is "Facing Challenges, Achieving Success." Of all the challenges our students face, it is a sad reality that discrimination and inequity remain for many of them, their largest challenge. We are committed to face this challenge with them and do everything in our power to help end the countless injustices the members of the black community face in America.

During these final weeks of the school year, I encourage discussions regarding discrimination, social injustice, and inequity in our virtual classrooms. As a district, it is our duty to prepare our students to be productive citizens in their community, which includes teaching them the tools to effect change in the face of injustice. We are committed to helping our students navigate the challenge of discrimination and the inequities that they face.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S. Beovich".

Stephen Beovich
Superintendent of Schools
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