SOUTHWARK SCHOOL



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Dear Southwark Families,

The events of the last 36 hours, when Walter Wallace Jr. was killed and acts of protests erupted throughout our city, have us all, especially our students, expressing a difficult range of feelings once again. We recognize that our students may be feeling an array of emotions that could include, but are not limited to, anger, frustration, outrage, fear and uncertainty. Please know that we are dedicated to ensuring our students have safe spaces and brave spaces to express their feelings and emotions. Not only are our wonderful counselors creating these spaces, but our teachers are equipped with the necessary tools to provide these spaces during our Morning Meetings. These tools have been provided by our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Team who are leading this work with our students and staff.

We will continue to unite as a Southwark community to fight against systemic racism while advancing the work of equity and social justice. We are dedicated to this important mission.

In Solidarity,

Andrew Lukov, Principal Natalie McHugh, Assistant Principal Debbie Rodriguez, Climate Manager