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Pathways Families,

Pathways In Education Charter Schools have always been an advocate for tolerance, compassion, and equitable access to education. As such, our campuses have often been a haven for kids, many of whom have at some point felt uncomfortable in traditional school settings, have been bullied, harassed, or worse. Like many of you, we are heartsick over the recent events in our nation. Today, we join the chorus of other voices demanding change, and encourage every member of our local and national communities to approach one another with an open heart and ask themselves how they too can become an advocate for equality.

Parents, we know talking to your children about racism and racial violence can be intimidating. The Center for Racial Justice in Education has put together this [list of articles and resources](#) to help guide you. You may stumble, and that's ok. Just keep talking and encourage your children to do the same.

Amid the chaos of the pandemic and the unrest in our nation, we are here for our students to finish out this school year strong. PIE staff is committed to social-emotional wellness, and is available to provide support beyond the academic needs of students. If they are struggling in any capacity, please reach out.. We have also included local resources that may help our families during this time.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for being part of Pathways In Education,

Pathways Leadership

Mental Health Supports:

Salvation Army Emotional Care hotline: 844-458-HOPE (4673)

Suicide Prevention Hotline: 208-398-4357 (text or call)

Optum: 855-202-0973 or 208-342-6892

Food Supports:

Free meals for children are available at approved sites across the state. Children ages 1-18 may pick-up meals at any site, regardless of enrollment. Children must be physically present at the feeding site to receive a meal. Please contact individual sites for meal service times. Locations in Nampa: Willow Creek Elementary, West Middle School, Centennial Elementary, Iowa Elementary, Central Elementary, Snake River Elementary, Endeavor Elementary, Sherman Elementary