



## Imagine School at Broward

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Dear Imagine Broward Families,

The recent death of George Floyd is profoundly disturbing. Our country is confronting painful issues in the wake of this tragedy and others like it. We acknowledge the anger and hurt these events have reawakened in so many within our school community and beyond. We want you to know that we firmly believe as a school, and an organization, that all human beings are created equal. Racism and injustice are not to be tolerated and have no place at Imagine School at Broward.

As public charter school educators, we have unique opportunities with our students and within our school communities to facilitate constructive dialogue and restorative practices, valuing justice and equity in pursuit of meaningful growth and purposeful change. We recognize that students look to their families and educators for understanding, clarity and empathy. They also need a trusted space to articulate their emotions, while being valued and supported. We know it is important to listen, hear and provide guidance and support to help them learn about and sort through these complicated issues—encouraging each student to always act in ways that represent positive character traits and values. We do not have all the answers, but we are committed to listening, learning, and modeling inclusion, unity, and respect for all human beings.

Some of our Imagine School at Broward families have asked us for additional information to help navigate these difficult conversations. Below are some suggested resources that may assist you as you listen to and speak with your children:

- [Talking About Race](#) National Museum of African American History and Culture-Portal
- [RESilience: Uplifting Families through Healthy Communication about Race](#) (PDF) American Psychological Association
- [10 Tips for Teaching and Talking to Kids About Race](#) Embrace Race – *Provides an option to download the English or Spanish versions of the guide.*
- [Teaching Tolerance - Beyond the Golden Rule: A Parent's Guide to Preventing and Responding to Prejudice](#) (PDF)

At Imagine, we believe that all our staff share in the responsibility of creating a safe and supportive school environment that contributes to excellence in education. While we consistently emphasize the importance of positive character development and academic growth, each of our scholars—regardless of race or ethnicity—must also feel and be affirmed, valued, and cared for in order to achieve that goal. That work starts with each of us as we pull together and support one another and our school community through our Shared Values of Justice, Integrity, and Fun.

At Imagine School at Broward, we are a team and family, and we will continue encouraging each other and holding each other accountable *every day* so that we can all achieve important change together. We also realize that these recent events may impact each of us differently, so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [debra.darling@imagineschools.org](mailto:debra.darling@imagineschools.org).

We are here to support our students and our school community.

Sincerely,

Debra Darling  
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