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## **EPS Statement in Solidarity with Victims of the 2021 Atlanta Spa Shootings**

March 18, 2021

Dear EPS Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Following recent attacks on people of Asian descent, I would like to express my solidarity with Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities. We should all condemn these attacks in the strongest possible terms. Since the start of the pandemic, we have witnessed an increase in violence, xenophobia and harassment, and I am concerned about the safety and mental well-being of our Asian students and colleagues. We cannot tolerate violence, discrimination, and stereotyping. Racism is a cancer in our society and we all must do all we can to eradicate it. Please reach out to your peers and/or campus leadership to discuss this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
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