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Dear SMLR Community,

I'm sure that you, like me, viewed with horror the video of the death of George Floyd, only the latest in a long, long line of deaths of African Americans at the hands of police in the United States. While we support the calls for an end to racist police violence and racism in other forms, I wanted to also acknowledge that people of color in our school community are particularly hurting right now for numerous reasons. The attached article helped me to think about this and stimulated me to write this message and I urge the white members of our community in particular to read it. I'm also attaching a list of activities white allies of people of color can engage in to fight racism. To everyone, please feel free to reach out to me about what SMLR can be doing at this crucial moment in order to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2020/05/9841376/black-trauma-george-floyd-dear-white-people

https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234

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