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**UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS JOINT PRESS
CONFERENCE WITH TOWNSHIP AND POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
A MESSAGE OF UNITY TO THE COMMUNITY**

Upper Darby School District collaborates with local officials to condemn racism, advocate for social justice and equality, and to work towards unifying its community with productive action

Upper Darby, PA - Upper Darby School District, in its commitment to its students, families and staff, announces its intent to expand its collaboration with the Upper Darby Township and the Upper Darby Police Department in order to condemn racism, social injustice, inequality, and hate in our country. The joint press conference will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Upper Darby High School. To view today's joint press conference, please visit the Upper Darby School District official YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucks7kcuopoCEA-fbmLWy2kw>.

The District acknowledges the hurt and pain Black Americans and others in its community are experiencing in the wake of the tragic death of George Floyd (and the recent activities that are occurring in its aftermath) as yet another example of the unsettled abominable legacy of race relations in our country. The Upper Darby School District seeks to stand in solidarity with Mayor Barbarann Keffer and Superintendent of Police Tim Bernhardt to strengthen their commitment to their shared value that every human be treated with dignity and respect and their belief that by working together for the betterment of their wonderfully diverse community, progress towards accomplishing these complex goals can be made.

“These are without question very sensitive times,” says Dr. Daniel McGarry, Superintendent of Schools, “and I am concerned about the long-lasting traumatic impact all of this is having on our students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Our students will need our collective efforts, love, and a listening ear to navigate all of this heartache and see this school community as a support. Now is the time to show that we can come together to be an example of the change that has to happen. We can and will work together to look for solutions, working with Township resources and other local organizations, community representatives, parents and students to address these complex issues and to support our students.”

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