



THE ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATEMENT FROM THE ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING POLICE BRUTALITY

Atlanta Board of Education's Statement:

Earlier today, the Board took time to pause for a moment of reflection in memory of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, victims of police brutality and racist acts. We are heartbroken and upset by these recent events.

But the murders of black men and women by vigilantes and police are not new, and it is important for the Board to reaffirm that Black Lives Matter. We stand in solidarity with those peacefully advocating for change and are committed to doing our part to channel the anger and hopelessness our community feels into sustained and effective change.

We know that we cannot do this work alone. The work of dismantling a racist and oppressive system that has an over 400-year legacy will not be easy and requires people of all communities coming together to address inequities.

With the recently adopted Strategic Plan and the Equity Policy that was adopted last year, the Board is committed to ensuring Atlanta Public Schools is a leader in this work. We look forward to working with our students, faculty, staff, and our community so that we can finally see a day where the color of your skin does not predict whether you are likely to be healthy and safe, graduate from high school, be economically stable, or live out your childhood dreams.

