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LITTLETON — Superintendent Kelly Clenchy wishes to provide the following statement to the community affirming the Littleton Public Schools' continued commitment to diversity amid ongoing nationwide protests against racism and police brutality.

"Recent tragic events around the nation, including the horrifying death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police, have served as a stark reminder that racism and hate are still a stain on the fabric of American society, but I remain hopeful that it will not be that way forever.

"The Littleton Public Schools have long maintained a commitment to celebrating diversity in all of its forms, and are as steadfast now as we have ever been in our belief that racism has no place here, or anywhere.

"While our academic year is continuing remotely, our teachers are exploring ways they can connect with their students on the issues of racism — especially systemic racism — in a way that's both meaningful and age appropriate. Ultimately, we want our students to understand their individual roles in addressing racism, and the important role individuals can take on in the larger effort to celebrate our diversity locally and beyond.

"Our district's core mission demands that we foster a community of learners who strive for excellence and prepare each student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society.

"We can only accomplish that mission by ensuring that our students have a deeper understanding of our society's challenges, and equip students with the knowledge and perspective they need to confront those challenges head-on. I invite our entire community — teachers, students and families alike — to join me in condemning racist violence and to come together to pursue a future that's free of racism and a system that's truly equal for all."