

With indignation and deep sadness, we turn to our CABE family and friends to speak out, once again, against the horrifying acts of racial injustice. The recent assassinations in Georgia and the targeting of the Asian American community in California and throughout the nation fill us with dismay and disbelief. CABE condemns the escalating violence, killings, and ongoing harassment directed at Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders. We stand together in unity and solidarity with community members, educators, families, and students to rise up against these acts of racism.

We need to be part of the solution.

The CABE vision boldly calls for Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency, and Educational Equity for all. We are committed to being part of the process to create deep change and stand side by side with our community, families, schools, districts, and partners to provide the students of California and the educators who serve them with the tools they need to create a stronger, highly-responsive, anti-racist, justice-filled society.

Sadly, we are reminded of the senseless killings in 1989 of five young Southeast Asian students and the wounding of several others at Cleveland School in Stockton, CA. For decades countless cases of racially-based killings have occurred. These horrendous lessons from the past, combined with continued violence and attacks on our community in the present, propel us to stand up and speak out against racial, linguistic, and gender discrimination.

Implicit and explicit racial, cultural and linguistic bias exists in all sectors of our society and within our educational system. Our schools are reflections of our society, and we are committed to collaborating, supporting, embracing, and valuing the lives and experiences of our students and their families of diverse backgrounds. We must ensure that their education prepares them for success in the global society we live in: teaching them about their civil rights, their histories, and the importance of race relationships; respecting each other, valuing our multilingualism along with our respective language/s, and celebrating the richness of our multicultural backgrounds; seeing and valuing gender differences, religious backgrounds, the inclusion of all immigrants regardless of immigration status; and, mutually respecting everyone's right to live and thrive in our communities without fear.

We recommit ourselves to understand the issues of racism in our society, to listen to the voices of our community, to open our hearts and minds, and to commit to being part of the change that is needed through professional learning and focused efforts to dismantle systemic racism. We support our Asian brothers and sisters. We stand with Black Lives Matter. We speak out for immigration rights. We stand against all racism and the injustices that are perpetuated in our society.

We turn to you, our CABE Family, at this time to express grief, anger, frustration, commitment, and hope—and to raise our voices and act. As the great John Lewis said, ***“Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year. Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part.”***

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## GUIDANCE & ACTIONS

If you witness any acts of racial violence, xenophobia, and discrimination, CABE supports the guidance of “Stop AAPI” to support and stand side-by-side with anyone who is a victim:

- **Take action.** Go to the targeted person and offer support.
- **Actively listen.** Before you do anything, ask—and then respect the targeted person's response.
- **Ignore attacker.** Try using your voice, body language, or distractions to de-escalate the situation (though use your judgment)
- **Accompany.** Ask the targeted person to leave with you if whatever is going on escalates.
- **Offer emotional support.** Find out how the targeted person is feeling and help them determine what to do next.

## GET INVOLVED

Cleveland School Remembers/Brady: [www.clevelandschoolremembers.org](http://www.clevelandschoolremembers.org)

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP): <https://aapip.org/>

Stop AAPI Hate: <https://www.instagram.com/stopaapihate/?hl=en>

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