

# PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

Professional Children's School has an ongoing commitment to develop a community where all of its members feel safe, supported, and celebrated and where we all acknowledge our common responsibility to cultivate and affirm such a commitment within ourselves and among others. We embrace the critical importance of diversity and pledge to actively confront prejudice and bias both within our own school community and throughout the broader communities within which we live and from which we and our families originate.

PCS affirms our unequivocal solidarity with and support for all members of our Asian and Asian-American communities. We stand in solidarity against the racist, xenophobic and blatantly violent behavior toward all members of these communities and we stand together to educate ourselves and our students to both the current behavior and historical contexts of anti-Asian racism in our country and around the world. In this period of particularly virulent and hateful rhetoric, we stand together in exploring ways to support members of the Asian and Asian-American communities, at PCS, nationally, and internationally.

We celebrate all members of our Asian and Asian-American communities. We pledge to find the means by which to raise awareness, to provide personal support for, and to examine mechanisms through which we can effectively respond to such a rise in hate crimes and bigotry against these communities. In providing a safe space for our Asian and Asian-American community members to share their experience, we can support them through this challenging period and we can all become more fully aware of both the circumstances and the means necessary to act against such circumstances going forward. Our solidarity, support and education can be the basis for bolstering our own community values and be but one means by which our support for all members of the PCS Asian and Asian-American communities can be clearly shared and unequivocally affirmed.

Sincerely,



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