

June 2, 2020

Good evening Western Tech families,

Yesterday, our superintendent, Dr. Williams shared some thoughts and information regarding the events that are currently happening in cities and towns across America. While still dealing with the impact of COVID-19, we recognize families are also trying to process the horrific deaths of three African Americans; two during interactions with police and one while jogging in a neighborhood. As Dr. Williams' stated, "we must have open, honest, and authentic conversations about racism and its devastating influence and continuing impact." The purpose of this communication is to make you aware of available resources and supports for our students and school community.

A variety of local, state and national resources are available at www.bcps.org. On the homepage, please scroll down to the **Safety Focus** box on the right-hand side and click on the **Social Emotional Resources** link. At the school level, please know that our teachers, school counselors, administrators, and social worker are available to any member of our school community who may need support. We are all an email away.

We understand that these are difficult times and the effects of COVID-19 make it more challenging for us to connect in traditional ways. We are here to listen and help one another as a school community. Please know that we are committed to supporting our students and families because we are truly stronger together!

Sincerely,

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Buddy Parker, Principal