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Hello Groves Families,

I know you have heard from the district on this topic, and other principals may have been writing. I didn't want my interim principalship to end without you hearing from me.

Recent events have shown just how broken we are as a country. The deplorable acts perpetrated by police are inexcusable and the resulting demonstrations an understandable outcome. I stand with the peaceful protesters and fully support their right to do so. The Groves I know has always valued diversity, inclusion, tolerance and acceptance. As one of the founders of the Multicultural Communications Weekend, which continues to run annually, I can say with authority that we have always attempted to build bridges and value every student as a unique and talented member of our school. I also was a founder of the Generation of Promise Program which brings together students from both suburban and city of Detroit schools in an attempt to further their knowledge of each other. Groves Student Congress, the African American Family Network, and the African American History classes, among others, consistently strive to put forward the values of equality and equity as well as condemning racism and violence.

As I write this, the Groves Administrative team is joining our students for a peaceful protest today in downtown Birmingham. Can we do more? Certainly. The goals of promoting tolerance and acceptance and denouncing racism and violence need to be part and parcel of who we are as a school, as well as who we are in the larger society. Have we actively been attempting to reach these goals? Most assuredly.

I hope you continue to be proud of Groves. I am available to continue this discussion if you would like to.

Sincerely Yours,

Jim Moll  
Interim Principal

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The director of the Groves Performing Arts Company, John Rutherford, sent me the following link to the promo for the spring production of Father of the Bride. As you may know, we were all set to open this wonderful show when school was closed. He and his cast continued to rehearse via zoom and have segments of the play that will be viewed by the cast, crew, and families. If you would like to see these, please email John at [jrutherford@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:jrutherford@birmingham.k12.mi.us) and, for now, enjoy this trailer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZgAO4qYX2yBvx45dE6juj2mgQ1UHSdqX/view>

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Our newspaper editors and reporters were sad to find out that, for the first time, Groves official student Scriptor Magazine would not publish an end of the year, physical issue due to COVID 19.

Not deterred, the editors and reporters worked remotely to publish articles about their lives during this pandemic and also about our community, including venturing in to Detroit to report on economic and racial disparity and recaps of our sports teams' seasons.

Please honor their dedication and work by visiting the online version of the Scriptor at <https://www.thegrovescriptor.com/>.

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