

Lewis Center for Educational Research

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Dear Lewis Center Families,



*K-12 WASC
Accredited
Schools*

We understand that the impact of COVID-19 is still a concerning issue in our country as well as around the world. While we are still grappling from the effects of the global pandemic, we also find ourselves facing a significant movement for social change as a community and nation.

After taking time to listen, to process, and to reflect on recent events regarding the tragic death of George Floyd and the resulting national and local protests, Lewis Center for Educational Research wants to make our message clear: We will not stand for racism in any shape or form. Our main priority is and will always be our students, staff, and families of all ethnicities and backgrounds.

Inequality and racial injustice should NOT be something we are nervous or embarrassed to discuss. We intend to normalize these topics to better educate ourselves, our students and community.



*California
Distinguished
School*

Racism is a mentality, a way of thinking, that is taught and learned. As a foundation of education, it is our duty to enhance our students' perspectives and allow them to keep an open mind about the world around us. We will work harder to make the distinction between simply teaching history and expanding on building character and creating a culture of inclusion, empathy and tolerance in our schools. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

It is our universal responsibility to leave behind a legacy denouncing racism to the future generations. We owe it to our children to address these issues of systemic bias and institutional racism, and one day effectively break the cycles that negatively impact our communities.

The mission of the Lewis Center is to ensure student success in a global society through data driven and research-based schools and programs that are safe, innovative and culturally inclusive. Diversity is crucial for innovation, rather than simply a matter of compliance. Our diversity is one of our key strengths, something we should embrace as a country, starting with our schools.



*California
Charter Schools
Association
Certified Charter
Schools*

We know how stressful this time is for all of us, and we want you to know our doors are always open to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. Please join us as we work towards a better future. We will collaborate with fellow community leaders and engaging stakeholders, including people from a variety of backgrounds, ethnicities, and faiths, in a constructive conversation that will lead to change. As we move forward, we make the commitment to ensure that all students, staff, and families feel safe, valued, and connected to our Lewis Center family.

Together united,

Lewis Center for Educational Research