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Dear Union 28 Community,

In response to the recent racially-motivated attacks on individuals of Asian decent in Atlanta and other cities, the Leadership Team of Erving Union 28 feel compelled to publicly condemn all acts of violence or discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any other identity marker. In this tragic time, we reiterate our strong anti-racist commitment, and stand with Asians in their grief.

Erving School Union 28 supports the civil and human rights of all individuals to function in a safe, supportive environment, free from discrimination and hate, either subvert or overt. We in Erving Union 28 condemn all violence against Asians, and pledge to use our voice in the name of a just and peaceful world.

Please take the time to connect with Asian friends and family in this time, and let them know you feel their sorrow. Thank you for your support in our movement towards a peaceful and open community that represents the rainbow of human experience.

In Solidarity,

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