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## **A Statement on Racial Violence**

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**(ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA)** – Violence based on racism is pervasive in our society and not just the media story of the day. The recent spike in incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has occurred alongside fears stoked by racially motivated politicians. **As we consider these acts of violence, we must also examine underlying prejudices and microaggressions that have always existed.**

At PDK International/Educators Rising, we stand with the Asian American community and staunchly support building a more equitable society starting in our school systems. We commit to fighting racism and discrimination in all its forms. **To that end, we support dedicated anti-bias instruction in our schools, as well as curricular programming and professional development focused on diversity and equity for all existing and future educators.** We extend our deepest sympathies to the victims and their families, including those of the Atlanta shooting and the victims of the spate of violence and harassment.

## **About PDK International**

Established in 1906, PDK International has worked to strengthen the teaching profession by providing evidence-based resources, services, and supports to the current generation of educators and encouraging young people to consider and plan for a career in education.

Today, through our Educators Rising program, PDK is changing the narrative about public education by helping communities develop the next generation of their own teachers. We encourage educators and stakeholders to elevate the discourse around teaching and learning to ensure that every student has a high-quality equitable education.

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