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A Statement on the Derek Chauvin Verdict

PDK stands with our educators in elevating conversations in schools

(ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA) - Many of us are relieved at the Jury's guilty verdict rendered in the George Floyd trial. Yet, one legal judgment doesn't undo centuries of violence inflicted on communities of color in our nation, nor does it take away the pain so many families feel when their loved ones are unjustly killed. At PDK and Educators Rising, we believe our schools play a vital role in healing, building community and creating a more just and equitable world.

We encourage educators to talk with our young people, to listen to them, and to learn how to engage them as part of the solution. As our nation endeavors to live up to our ideals, educators become that much more important in helping guide a new generation to become better than the last. We stand ready to support, encourage and inspire both our young people and current educators to transform our schools so that they truly become the bastions of justice and democracy that we know they can be.

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