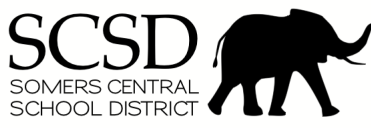


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March 19, 2021

To the members of the Somers Central School District,

We, the undersigned, members of the Somers Board of Education write to our community to express outrage at the anti-Asian violence that erupted in Georgia on Tuesday.

To our community members who are of Asian descent, we stand in solidarity with you today and always. You are an essential thread in the fabric of our shared Somers community, and what makes us the strong, vibrant, and flourishing community that we are proud to call home.

We also wish to acknowledge the fear and pain you must be feeling and to let you know that you are not alone.

We stand in solidarity with our students, parents, families, faculty, and staff of Asian descent and condemn racist behaviors in any form.

We stand opposed to the anti-Asian rhetoric that has been allowed to grow during this pandemic and will not tolerate this behavior in our town or in our schools.

If you or anyone that you know has experienced harassment or discrimination within SCSD please do not hesitate to reach out directly to your [Board of Education](#) and [Administration](#).

With respect and in solidarity,

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