



Nava Durga Nepali School

Springfield, Virginia

In Solidarity: We support the Black Lives Matter Movement

Nava Durga Nepali School (NDNS) supports the powerful voices raised by the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement and stands with the Black community against police brutality, racial injustice, racial profiling, and the denial of civil rights. The series of events that unfolded with the brutal murder of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd have swept our nation. It is a historic moment in our lives and every individual, community, organization, and corporation are being forced to confront this reality. This is a civil rights issue and not a political issue, and therefore, we cannot remain silent and be complicit when millions of people are demanding the end to racial injustice deeply rooted in the long history of this nation. We choose to be on the right side of history and stand as allies, hand in hand with the peaceful protestors.

We should never forget that the civil rights we enjoy was won by the Black community through many decades of relentless struggles. However, there are still many federal and state laws and practices that treat the Black community and other minorities unfairly. Further, these laws target the Black and other minorities resulting in disproportionate rates of arrests and incarcerations. What we need is a real change in both laws and its implementation. The voices of the peaceful protestors has raised our awareness, but we have to keep the momentum and act decisively at the ballot box to support candidates that speak to these issues. We must protest against systemic racism, racial inequality, and we must vote in every local, state, and federal elections to make our voices heard.

Although we may not be able to feel what it is like to be a Black in today's America, as immigrants, we have been subjected to various forms of discrimination in our everyday lives. We encourage NDNS families and everyone in our community to take part in the peaceful protests while considering the COVID-19 global pandemic, always make our voices heard through the ballot box, and continue to discuss these social issues within and outside of our families. This is our home and we want our kids to grow in a society that is just, fair, and devoid of any discrimination.

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In solidarity, Nava Durga Nepali School

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