



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL ON THE AVENUE SINCE 1949

June 3, 2020

Dear Students and Parents:

I sincerely hope that you and yours are well and healthy.

In light of the recent killing of George Floyd, and of similar horrific events perpetrated against African-Americans in particular, events that have dominated the news cycle, I feel compelled to offer the following reminders to our school community regarding who we are as a school and what we as a school believe in.

We are a Lasallian school, and our Five Core Principles spell out clearly what we stand for, including the following:

De La Salle stands for social justice for all persons.

De La Salle stands for the respect and respectful treatment of all persons.

De La Salle stands for an inclusive community, where everyone is important, where no one is insignificant.

We, as a school community, reject racism and bigotry, and we are instead called to embrace one another in all our differences as the various expressions of our almighty and loving God.

We at De La Salle are not perfect.

We all, at times, fail to live our lives in alignment with Christ's message of love and forgiveness; we all, at times, struggle to embrace our Lasallian principles as wholeheartedly and fiercely as we should.

While we are not perfect, our directives are nevertheless clear, and they inform us to love and respect one another regardless of race, socioeconomic status, gender, creed, or country.

While we are not perfect, we at De La Salle know our students; we learn your stories; we listen to your dreams; we share in your disappointments.

We know you, and we love you, all of you, because you are all important; because not one of you is insignificant.

That will never change.

While it is painful to me that we cannot be with you during this difficult period, that I cannot speak to you as a student body, that we cannot personally express our belief in and commitment to you, I know that day, a new day, will come.

And in that new day, we shall stand together, we shall pray for peace, we shall work for justice, in Christ's name and in the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

Though physically apart, I hope you know and feel that we are with you in spirit and in solidarity.

May God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Kelly".

Paul Kelly '83  
President