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Dear Members of the Vanier College Community,

The Vanier College Students' Association (VCSA), denounces all forms of injustice, recognizing and acknowledging the excruciating hardships suffered by Black and Indigenous communities around the world; a result of an immeasurable history of institutionalized racism.

In light of recent events, following the tragic death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others, our world has become inundated with similar stories coming to light of victims of abuse and oppression, from within the Black Community. The devastating reality that fellow compatriots are maltreated and abused on account of the colour of their skin is a disturbing truth that has long been ignored by authorities with the power to enact immediate change. Many continue to stand idle, neglecting what has unfolded around them: hundreds of years of unjust treatment and violence inflicted by oppressors towards Black and Indigenous communities.

The Association stands in solidarity with those fighting for an end to acts of racism, hate and discrimination in the United States, Canada and globally. We call on all members to exercise their voice and speak out against all forms of injustice. Together let us bring to fruition a brighter future, free from the constraints of prejudice. Should you be fortunate enough to find yourselves in a position where you are not afflicted, recognize the weight of your voice and find ways to support those who are. We must work towards exposing and unrooting the systemic oppression plaguing our society.

It remains a fundamental principle to the Association that we aid in fostering a community cognizant of the hardships faced and sensitive to the reality that this affects many in different ways. We reiterate our commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all members of the Association so that each may prosper and grow and eventually contribute to the fight in abolishing systemic racism across the globe.

In unison,

The Vanier College Students' Association

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PRESIDENT, Vanier College Students' Association