

# *Choctawhatchee Senior High School*

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Dear Choctaw Community,

Over the last several weeks, I have watched in sadness, dismay and horror the overt racism and violent acts against one another that have divided our nation.

As the principal of Choctawhatchee High School, I embrace this opportunity to listen to our students and community members and help create a plan that will promote empathy, celebrate our differences and help our students know that we can end the horrors of racism and violent acts in our country.

I am blessed to live in an area and work at Choctaw where diversity is part of who we are – it is part of our fabric and part of our history. But knowing this is not enough - words are simply not enough right now. I feel an obligation to take action and help be part of a better path forward for our students.

Beginning this summer and into the fall, Choctaw would like to invite student leaders and community members to discuss how we can help make our future safer and stronger together. I have no doubt that really listening and talking with one another are the first steps we need to take to better support our students and community and celebrate our Choctaw diversity.

Stay safe and Go Big Green!

With much love and respect,



Michelle K. Heck