Dear San Mateo-Foster City School District Community,

Yesterday we learned of three shootings in the Atlanta, GA area affecting three Asian-owned businesses and resulting in eight deaths. Over the past year, there has been a significant increase in anti-Asian hate crimes both nationally and locally. I am deeply saddened by these continued accounts of violence. I strongly encourage all of us to be kind and supportive of one another and to condemn violence toward others.

Our Vision statement is, “The San Mateo-Foster City School District educates, inspires and empowers every student in every school every day to live, lead and learn with integrity and joy.” Supporting all students is a cornerstone belief of the District and the Board has set in place policies and inspired committees such as our Equity Task Force and Sanctuary Task Force that strengthen our efforts to become a more inclusive and supportive environment for all staff, students and families.

Our schools and classrooms must be places where our staff, families and children feel safe and know that they belong. Through our implementation of social-emotional initiatives, we know that better understanding of one another and appreciation of our differences are built every day with each interaction.

We will continue to support our Asian American and Pacific Islander community members and to ensure that all of our students are engaged, supported and safe. If you or your child are experiencing concerns, please contact your principal or school counselor for support.

Sincerely,

Joan Rosas
Superintendent