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Dear East Side Community,


There has been a lot of media coverage regarding the presidential election results. This election was, by far, the most divisive election in my lifetime. No doubt many of you have strong emotions and certainly our students have questions and concerns regarding the impact this election will have on their family and on their education.

We value every student that enters our schools and we will do everything in our power to provide a safe and nurturing environment. Your safety and your education is our top priority. Please remember that 90% of our funding is from the State of California. The President of the United States has no authority over our schools and how we run them. The core values of the Board of Trustees include equity, inclusiveness, commitment to excellence, diversity and professional capacity. We stand united and we support all of our students and families in the East Side Union High School District.

As educators, we have the incredible opportunity to use the presidential election as a learning opportunity to help promote social justice in a way that actively engages our students. The activities, discussions, and student production that we choose to plan around the election results are opportunities to further develop the 5 Cs described in our Graduate Profile. We need to provide a safe environment for our students to process the results of the election. We will stay neutral, share the facts, allow for both sides of an issue to be shared and create a safe place in our classrooms and at our school sites for discussion to take place.

In the United States, we have always had a peaceful transition of power between presidents. It is time for all of us to find common ground and to move forward. In our community, we have never wavered from working together to provide safe, nurturing and rigorous environments. We stand by these core tenets.

Sincerely,


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