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Last year during the global pandemic, the world witnessed the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police. In response, protests erupted in cities across the nation.

We also witnessed an awakening in the South Orange County Community College District that led to enhanced and improved Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts and initiatives across the District.

Last week, the world witnessed a pivotal moment in our nation's ongoing reckoning with racism with the announced verdict of George Floyd's murder.

While the verdict by no means ends the need for the hard work of moving towards a world where all people are treated with respect, we will continue to vigorously pursue equity and justice throughout the District.

May we continue to support each other as we process and reflect on last week's verdict.

Be well and be kind.

Board of Trustees, South Orange County Community College District