



Joint Statement from the Massachusetts Community College Presidents

“We join the nation in its grief and anger over the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis, and the far too many other Black Americans killed by racial violence. Institutional racism is deeply rooted in our nation. It harms members of our Black community and it harms all of us. Together, the 15 community colleges loudly condemn racism and echo the call-to-action demanding changes to public policy that promote equity and justice in policing, housing, healthcare, education, and more.

Pursuing equity is a core value to each of our colleges, and we know we have work to do to make that a reality. We stand with the Black community in Massachusetts and across the country, and as college presidents, we will work to use every intervention possible to achieve equity in opportunities and outcomes of our students. We are also deeply committed to dismantling institutional racism.

We keep the families of those killed in our hearts and stand in solidarity with those protesting for change.”

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