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From: Dr. Candice Carter-Oliver, CEO
Date: September 15, 2017
Re: Confluence Schools and the Stockley verdict

As many of you know, the verdict on Jason Stockley was issued this morning. Our campuses and students remain safe, and our students and faculty will be sharing their thoughts and feelings in their classes today. I will be visiting all our schools today to participate in some of these discussions with students, faculty and staff. **We will dismiss all schools early today, at 1:30 p.m. All Confluence Charter Schools will also cancel after school activities and athletic games today, September 15 and tomorrow, September 16.**

Part of our mission is providing our students reasonable opportunities to discuss their thoughts and feelings about important issues, when this can be accomplished within a safe and respectful learning environment. We commonly take this approach around significant current issues, whether they be civic, social or scientific. As educators, we are responsible to model constructive behavior, allowing your student to listen, learn from others, and express themselves in respectful community. These values are central to our mission at Confluence.

As always, we will work to keep your children safe, bring them into closer community, and create opportunities for learning that can help to ultimately build a more just society. We encourage our families to continue these discussions at home about important issues of the day. For more information or assistance about how to discuss difficult issues with your student, feel free to contact Dr. Rochelle Bates at 314-588-8554 or Rochelle.Bates@confluenceacademy.org.

We will keep our Confluence community informed of any issues that arise within or around our schools as this situation unfolds. We will also be communicating via confluencacademy.org and on social media on Twitter @ Confluence_Acad and Facebook at Confluence Charter Schools. Please reach out to me or to your school principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your dedication to the safety of Confluence students and families, and to a just society.

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