October 10, 2023

Dear Río Hondo College Community,

Our collective heart ache with the horrific news and visuals coming out of Israel over the last several days. We condemn these senseless acts of terrorism and stand in solidarity with our Israeli and Palestinian community in these disturbing times.

Río Hondo College remains committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and antiracism, and grieves the loss of hundreds of innocent lives.

There are resources available to those in our Río Hondo College Community who have been impacted. Any student who would like counseling can visit our <u>Student Health & Psychological Services</u> either in-person or online. We also offer mental health services to our employees through our <u>Employee Assistance Program</u>.

In light of these tragedies, we hope our entire community can embrace one another and promote understanding and compassion in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marilyn Flores Superintendent/President