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Dear Río Hondo College Community,

As we continue our academic pursuits and engage with the world around us, it's important to be aware of the ongoing events that shape our global landscape and the demonstrations that have been taking place on university and college campuses across the nation. As members of a diverse and inclusive community, it is essential for us to acknowledge the humanity of all those affected and to approach this issue with sensitivity and open-mindedness.

As an educational institution, Río Hondo College and its Board of Trustees believe in the power of dialogue, understanding, and empathy. Río Hondo College does not support any form of violence, discrimination, or oppression. We are committed to promoting dialogue, mutual respect, and understanding in all conflicts as part of our institution's mission and steadfast dedication to diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and anti-racism.

As a college community, let us reaffirm our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity with all those affected by conflict, both near and far. Together, we can be a force for positive change in the world.

As we navigate through these challenging times, I want to remind us all of the resources available to those in our community in need of support. Any students who would like counseling around this or any other issue can visit our [Student Health & Psychological Services](#) either in-person or online. We also offer mental health services to our employees through our [Employee Assistance Program](#).

In solidarity,

Dr. Marilyn Flores
Superintendent/President

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