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**National PTA Statement on Violence Against Asian Americans**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., (March 19, 2021)—The following statement can be attributed to National PTA President Leslie Boggs:

“National PTA condemns the shootings this week in Atlanta and other recent violence against Asian Americans. Our association stands firmly against racism in all forms and denounces all racial violence in our country. The acts of hate have a profound effect on the communities impacted, and our nation must do better.

“It is urgent that we understand, value and embrace the uniqueness of all individuals, appreciating that each contributes a diversity of views, experiences, cultural heritage/traditions, skills/abilities, values and preferences which enriches and strengthens our nation. It is critical that we rise to correct the inequities and injustices that permeate the United States.

“National PTA and our constituent associations remain committed to improving diversity, equity and inclusion throughout school communities nationwide and ensuring the safety, well-being and future of every child. Our association also remains committed to disrupting the systems that propagate institutional racism. Every child deserves to have every opportunity to reach their full potential, and every person deserves to enjoy the freedoms guaranteed to all Americans.

“We can eliminate racism and social injustices and build a better nation for our children’s future when we unite as a community, regardless of race, culture, skin color or language. The events this week were another reminder that this is more important than ever.”

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