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The International School of the Sacred Heart is committed to educating for peace and justice in our world. As members of the Society of the Sacred Heart, we pledge to raise our voice in opposition to acts of racial discrimination and to fight tirelessly against the sin of racism. The Administration of the International School of the Sacred Heart hears voices raised in the Goggako and ISSH Alumnae community, also the international school community in Tokyo, about violations of human dignity in relation to the Black Lives Matter movement around the world.

As a school we are dedicated to improving our curriculum, policies and practices, and as a private, independent institution, Sacred Heart is in a uniquely fortunate position that we can tailor our wider curriculum to address issues against the background of the timeless five Sacred Heart goals.

In accordance with Goal III, the school

- educates to a critical consciousness that leads its community to analyze and reflect on the values of society and to act for justice
- offers all of its members opportunities for direct service and advocacy and instills a life-long commitment to service
- is linked in a reciprocal manner with ministries among people who are poor, marginalized, and suffering from injustice
- In our multicultural world the school prepares and inspires students to be active, informed and responsible citizens locally, nationally and globally

We are proud of our alumnae who have the courage and confidence to speak out about and actively fight against inequality, injustice and disrespect for human dignity, all of which are still present in the world today. We value the voices of our alumnae and acknowledge that some alumnae have reason to be upset, are concerned and feel the need to speak up.

The school welcomes working with our student and parent community to listen to ideas, and often implement suggestions; that is how a healthy community with positive relationships and respect for all voices grows. The invitation is open for members of the alumnae community who wish for the school to reflect on past practices, to contact the Headmistress, Yvonne Hayes, directly if they have concerns they wish to be heard, and/or suggestions for improvement. We will listen and learn. What we can strengthen and improve, we will.