



# IECA Condemns Anti-Asian Violence

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We at IECA are outraged, frustrated, and deeply saddened by recent hate crimes across the country targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). We grieve for the eight lives lost in Atlanta this week—six of whom were women of Asian descent—as well as the many other victims of anti-Asian racism, oppression, and harassment. IECA condemns all forms of racism and is committed to working toward a fair, just, and equitable society.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed a disturbing increase in anti-Asian violence, discrimination, and harassment globally. The events in the news this week, and stories shared during hearings in Congress in recent days, are the latest in a series of tragic and painful experiences. We offer our support and empathy to our AAPI students, families, members, and affiliated professionals.

IECA is committed to helping families of all backgrounds have access to skilled and ethical academic or therapeutic guidance, regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, or zip code. Our work to continue promoting equity, fairness, and anti-racism must be constant. Join us in learning more and standing against social injustice. Here are resources to help you take action today:

- [Supporting the Well-Being of Asian Students during COVID-19](#)
- [Anti-Racism Resources to Support Asian American, Pacific Islanders Community](#)
- [Donating, Volunteering, Reporting Hate Incidents: Here's How to Combat Anti-Asian Violence](#)
- [Standing Up to Anti-Asian Racism](#)
- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#)

As leaders in education, we have an opportunity to model leadership that is focused on unity, support, and action. We must do our part to build a more informed, inclusive, and socially just society.