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Dear Judge Garrity:

I support your stand and appreciate what it means in a time when fear, mistrust and arrogant dishonesty seem to have replaced a spirit of noble leadership and integrity (those words almost sound a little silly these days!)

My son attends first grade at the [REDACTED] in Cambridge and I share some of the apprehensions felt by other public school parents -- I don't want to see my child or his friends or his teachers troubled or hurt by the waves rippling out from the hate and pain in Boston schools. But I know that whatever the cost in violence, whatever has to be expressed in order to clear the air, in the long run will be worth it. That the process of facing and overcoming our fears of each other, as well as the fact of living with and working with and learning with each other, is necessary and right and essential to the survival of something very important in each of us.

I thank you and congratulate you for your courage and compassion. I wish I could say this better.

Sincerely,

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