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Only five short years ago, Baltimore, Maryland was the site of civil unrest and the uprising of protestors and citizens in response to the unnecessary and untimely death of Freddie Gray at the hands of police officers. In the intense days that followed, public educators and school-based mental health service providers across the state worked to address the needs of public school students, engaging in difficult conversations while reflecting on their own thoughts and feelings. As advocates for social justice, MSPA defines the position of school psychologists as agents of change in combating the systemic and pervasive racism and inequalities inherent in American society, while working to support students and families who experience these disadvantages firsthand.

It is truly unfortunate that history is repeating itself and the anguish experienced in Baltimore is being experienced by more families in many cities across America. As we work toward a more equitable future in which these events will cease, we must remain vigilant and active as mental health service providers who support student and family support systems. In that spirit, MSPA endorses the NASP Call for Action to End Racism and Violence Against People of Color (2020). The full text and associated resources can be found here:

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