

On April 20, 2021, former Minneapolis Police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter.

While we at the Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers are encouraged by the verdict, true justice would be for Gianna to have her father alive today.

This verdict was about accountability. This verdict was about a step towards justice.

We support our Twin Cities community as it continues to reckon with the murders of George Floyd, Daunte Wright, and far too many others. These tragedies serve as a poignant reminder that we are still far from being a truly equitable and just nation.

George Floyd should still be with his family, friends, and community. It is because of racism that he is not. We stand with our students and families who continue to face discrimination and oppression. We hold our collective community in our thoughts, thank those who worked towards accountability, and continue to work towards justice. Black Lives Matter.

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