On the recent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes:

The Japanese Teachers of Association of Texas (JTAT) recognizes the existence of structural or systemic racism in our society. We fully support the statement advanced by the American Association of Teachers of Japanese, which reads, “The American Association of Teachers of Japanese unequivocally rejects racism, hate, misogyny, and xenophobia. As world language educators in the United States, our members work to promote communication and understanding of world cultures, especially those of Japan and the rest of Asia. That mission has never been more important than now.”

“For AATJ, the increase in anti-Asian incidents is deeply personal and has shaken us all. Our community includes many teachers of Asian descent, and these attacks have caused us to fear for the safety of our families, our AAPI students, and ourselves.”

“AATJ pledges to continue the work of fostering cultural understanding, equity, diversity, and inclusivity in order to make a better world for everyone.” (AATJ, March 24, 2021)

Please find the rest of the statement on the AATJ website. https://www.aatj.org/announcements

Please stay safe and healthy.

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