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Education Minnesota condemns death of black man in custody of Minneapolis police

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota. May 26, 2020 – Educators were grieving the death of a black man, George Floyd, on Tuesday after he died Monday in the custody of Minneapolis police officers, said Denise Specht, the president of Education Minnesota.

A video appeared to show Mr. Floyd suffocating while a white police officer knelt on the man's neck.

“This is a horrifying, senseless death that shows once again the racism that black, brown and indigenous Minnesotans live with every day,” Specht said. “We anticipate our students of color will experience trauma from this killing as they did with Philando Castile, Jamar Clark and too many other black men who died in police custody. Educators will once again do our best to help our students through, but this must stop. We grieve for the family of Mr. Floyd today, but tomorrow it will be time to join together and rewrite the rules so everyone, with no exceptions, can thrive without fear, care for their families, have their voices heard, and their rights respected.”

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