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Dear Seward Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone was able to have a great Christmas and a good start to the New Year. I know that we were all saddened to see the events unfold at our Nation's Capitol on Wednesday, January 6. As parents, it is important to discuss these events with your children and answer any questions they may have. The age of your child (ren) will depend upon how in-depth you decide to discuss the events. Our main goal is to make sure students feel safe at school and that we provide an environment in which students feel safe to ask questions of their teachers. Please reach out to your child's school counselor if you need additional support or resources on this topic.

Our positivity rate of students and staff to start 2021 is 0.35%. This percentage equates to 6 students/staff testing positive out of 1700 students and staff. We had 1.41% of our students/staff out on quarantine or isolation this week. The Four Corners Risk Dial is at 2.63, which is in orange to start 2021.

The governor's risk dial based on the hospital bed capacity within our state is in blue. Today the hospital bed occupancy is at 491 we hope to continue to see this downward trajectory.

We need to continue to slow the spread of the virus and what we do collectively is imperative. Please do your part as parents and community members. Together we are making a difference. Continue to avoid the Three C's.

- 1. Crowded Places. Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6-feet distance from others.
- 2. Close Contact. Wear a mask or maintain a 6-feet distance when you're with people you don't live with.
- 3. Confined Spaces. Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely

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