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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Simsbury Public Schools Staff:

Welcome back from the holiday recess. Certainly 2020 proved to be challenging in many ways, spanning from a global pandemic to the multiple examples of national instability and division. These events solidified that Simsbury's commitment to equity is needed now more than ever. For many, this turning of the calendar was a hope of reprieve from those stressors. Yet through Wednesday's deeply disturbing events at the hands of violent protests, we are reminded how unsettling this time period has been, as well as our continued responsibility to be centers of safety and security for our students.

By now, you should have received information from building principals regarding our district's age-appropriate responses to the chaotic images and events that we all watched unfold at the U.S. Capitol. Principals will be sending resources you may find helpful to continue discussions, should your family choose to do so. I want to thank our staff for successfully leading thoughtful, teachable moments and modeling how global citizens respond respectfully, responsibly, and ethically to such adversity. Whether it be events of this past week or continued management of pandemic living, I want you to be assured that our commitment to our students is unwavering. May the days ahead be marked by unity within our community and our nation.

Regards,

Matt Curtis  
Superintendent of Schools