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Greetings Mighty Uniondale Family,

It is with cautious reflection that I greet you following the disturbing events of January 6th, 2021 that shook our nation to its core.

Wednesday the world witnessed an attempt of insurrectionists to desecrate the United States Capital. This was an overt attempt to circumvent the democratic process by suppressing the will of the people and the power of the vote.

What we witnessed was the inevitable result of four years of divisive rhetoric, racially charged dog-whistles, and a failure to uphold democratic ideals. We also witnessed the disparate treatment of the insurrectionists by law enforcement versus their approach to the social justice movements of the summer.

This serves as proof that there are two different responses and treatments of people in our country. The world now has visual evidence of the ever present inequalities and constant attempts to disenfranchise the black and brown people of the United States of America.

You are not only surviving a pandemic, but you are struggling through economic uncertainties, an insurmountable loss of human life, a civil rights struggle for equality, and now this. Yet, we want to remind you that good always prevails. There is a long history of oppressed people, and particularly students, who have had to remind America of its stated ideals: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Young people fighting for social justice will continue to author our nation's narrative.

I want you to know that we are all Uniondale STRONG and your Uniondale family has your back! The faculty, students, and staff will always foster an open exchange of ideas, culture and dialog in a respectful environment, however, we will not shy away from our responsibility to speak out against racism, injustice, and inequality.

To continue moving our community forward, we must engage in open discussions that allow us to grow, to learn from each other, and to continue developing contributing members of our great society.

On Monday, January 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., the Mighty Uniondale High School will be hosting: "Uniondale Speaks Up," a discussion around race, politics and activism. A Google Link will be emailed to you and posted on the high school website. I hope you will attend. Love you All.

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