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Dear TCCS Community,

Yesterday's deadly storming of the U.S. Capitol was a shocking and upsetting moment in our nation's history. As adults, we are left shaken and disturbed. As parents and educators, we are concerned for our students and their wellbeing, as they can be greatly impacted during such a tumultuous time. Even our youngest students, who may not fully comprehend the magnitude of these events, have likely still read and seen enough coverage to be understandably uneasy about the current state of affairs.

Today, and likely for days to come, many students may have questions about yesterday's events. Please know that our teachers and staff are committed to providing them with a safe place to discuss these events in an objective, sensitive, and age-appropriate manner. As a school, we teach our students to value and support the constitutional rights of free speech and peaceful demonstration, but strictly denounce acts of violence, vandalism, and intimidation.

If you are looking for resources for having discussions with your children at home, please visit any of the following:

ABC News: [After Capitol breach, 5 tips to talk to kids](#)

National Geographic: [How to talk with your kids about the chaos at the Capitol](#)

NEA: [Talking to Kids About the Attack on the Capitol](#)

Finally, if your student(s) express any particularly anxious feelings regarding these recent events, please let their teachers and/or the administration know. You may also reach out directly to our school social worker, Mr. Andrew Blanco at ablanco@tccsnj.org to discuss possible counseling services. We are here to support our families and students.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo
Lead Person / Director