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Dear RUSD Families,

Welcome to 2021! I trust you have enjoyed your holiday season. Most of us had a Covid-inspired, cozier-than-usual Christmas and New Year. I think it was rather nice to do less! With that said, I am excited to see what this new year has in store for us. I am confident that it will be a productive, positive one. I know we have all learned a great deal through this past year and we will be able to use what we have learned as we move forward.

As we look to Monday, January 4, as our first day back to school after winter break, whether in Hybrid or Frontier, please remember to let me know if any of your close contacts has tested positive for COVID or has symptoms. We ask that you let us know in advance so we can make appropriate plans and keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. You may contact me at colson@my.rescueusd.org. If your child has any symptoms on Monday morning, please keep him/her home and contact your school office. We do not want anything to happen to make it so we cannot enter phase 2 of our full reopening on January 25. It will take all of us working together to make this happen. Remember to utilize the symptom checker form each morning before coming to school.

A number of you have shared your word for 2021 with me. If you have not yet shared, I invite you to! I love hearing about the various words that have come to staff and families. The meanings behind the words are significant and special. Some of the words already shared with me for 2021 include the following: **Hope, Forward, Blessed, Pivot, Focus, Peace, Truth, Connected, Move, Seize, Tenacity, Praise, Build, And**. These are powerful words. I know there are many more out there waiting to be selected. I know many of our teachers will take our students through this process as well, and I look forward to hearing about their words too.

Happy New Year! Thank you for continuing this journey with us in RUSD. We appreciate our staff and families and value each of you tremendously. It certainly takes all of us working together.

Most sincerely,

Cheryl Olson

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent

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