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2020 CENSUS

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your loved ones are healthy and staying safe during this challenging time. While our immediate attention is on responding to COVID-19, we need to make sure that we also participate in the 2020 Census. When we all fill out our census, we are able to improve our community and Dora Consolidated Schools' future.

The census is a simple 10 question form that happens once every decade in an effort to count everyone who lives in the United States. It determines how more than \$800 billion in federal funds are distributed to communities across the US, including more than \$7 billion per year right here in New Mexico.

The funding supports important things like roads, schools, healthcare, public safety, and other essential service programs. It also ensures that our state receives equal representation in Congress, the State Legislature, and in our city government.

New Mexico is the hardest state in the nation to count, causing our schools to lose out on critical funds. It is important for you to fill out the census and encourage your colleagues, neighbors, and community members to do the same. Just a one percent undercount in New Mexico means a loss of \$780 million dollars in funding over the next ten years.

Here's how you can participate:

- Complete your census form online, by phone, or by mail.
- Fill it out today at my2020census.gov or by calling (844)-330-2020.
- Count everyone in your household on your census form.
- This includes babies, children, and anyone else who lives with you.

Thank you,

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