

Dear Parent:

People across the country were heartbroken and overwhelmed as we learned of the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Disturbing incidents in our nation's schools can invoke a mix of reactions, including fear, a sense of powerlessness, a desire for information, or the urge to get involved in some way to help keep our schools safe and secure. These feelings are understandable among parents, students, and staff members alike.

We want to assure you that the daily safety of our students – your sons and daughters – is our greatest priority. We continuously search for improvements to advance our safety measures and increase student security.

On Wednesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m., many students across the nation will take part in the *Enough!* National School Walkout. Working closely with our student leaders, we are aware that students in several schools plan to participate in the national walkout. District 211 personnel do not support or condone these walkout activities. We are committed to providing a safe and secure experience for students throughout every school day, including during a potential walkout. In order to help ensure everyone's safety, we have developed the following guidelines in the event of a student walkout.

Teachers will record student attendance at the beginning of each class period. Students participating in the walkout are expected to remain on campus and any student leaving the campus without proper authority will receive an unexcused absence. Any student participating in the walkout will be expected to return to class immediately following walkout activities. When re-entering the school, students will need to show their school ID. Students failing to return to school in a timely manner may be accountable for their absence.

Students organizing the walkout have communicated that they will conduct themselves in a peaceful and respectful manner. Administrators at each high school have arranged for the presence of a large number of adults consisting of a combination of school personnel and police officers to ensure student safety in the event of a student gathering.

No student should feel pressured to take part in the event. Students who are not participating in the walkout will report to their regularly scheduled classes.

Disruptive or disrespectful interactions with others will not be tolerated. Our school campuses will be closed during the walkout period and visitors will not be allowed onto the campus to join or otherwise interact with our students participating in the walkout.

We encourage parents to discuss this event directly with your son or daughter to determine a student's potential participation. Administrative teams at each high school will work to ensure the safety of all students, minimize disruptions, and protect the rights of all students. Although the administrative teams are communicating with students about any potential demonstration, they are neither organizing nor assisting students with the walkout.

If you have questions or would like to speak to someone at the school, please call your guidance counselor as your first point of contact. We can make the most of each day by working together.

Sincerely,

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