April 19, 2018



Dear Families,

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, a national school walkout is being discussed to mark the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting. Unlike a similar March event, national organizers are suggesting that participants leave school at 10 a.m. and not return for the remainder of the school day.

While we value youth civic engagement, we must balance that against our goal to protect instructional time and the safety of our students. If students leave campus, we cannot ensure their safety and they will receive a consequence aligned with School Board policy.

Parents, please take a moment to discuss this with your child in advance and to reinforce school expectations at home. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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