



March 8, 2018

Dear Families,

Recently a number of students and families in our community have indicated their desire to participate in a 17-minute walk out on March 14th at 10 a.m. to demand action on gun violence after the tragic event in Parkland, Florida. While this issue weighs heavily on all of our hearts and minds, I want to provide some guidance on how our school plans to conduct activities on this day.

At Rosemont High School, our top priority is teaching and learning. We respect and support the right of our students to advocate for causes that are important to them and we are actively working with students to plan age-appropriate activities in the spirit of the walk out on March 14th that will occur on school grounds under the safety and supervision of adults. If you have suggestions, you can contact me or any school administrator at any time.

I encourage you to talk to your student(s) about how they may be feeling about this issue and the importance of expressing themselves in appropriate ways at school. As educators, we also recognize that student activism is a part of the learning process. When kids are passionate about an issue, it is an opportunity for educators to help students see the connection between curriculum and real life. We will be doing this in school, aligned with our curriculum and state standards.

In addition, it is important to know that disorderly conduct that disrupts school operations is not acceptable and will be handled compassionately but firmly, in accordance with our school's code of conduct. We are proactively working with students, counselors and local law enforcement to ensure any student-led efforts are handled in the most peaceful, respectful way and in the best interest of our children.

Finally, regular attendance reporting mechanisms will be enforced on this day. Students who leave campus or do not report to class after the 17 minutes of planned activities on campus have ended, will be marked with an unexcused absence.

Thank you for your continued support of Rosemont High School. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vigil

Principal, Rosemont High School

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