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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to share with you a summary of three national protests being planned across the country in response to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Please note that these protests do not represent all of the events that may be scheduled in our community.

March 14th – Enough: National School Walkout. Organizers are encouraging teachers, students, administrators, and others to walk out of class for 17 minutes (one minute for each person killed at the school) beginning at 10:00 a.m.

March 24th - March for Our Lives protest in Washington DC and other cities, including San Francisco and San Jose. Additional protests might be held in San Mateo County. Organized by students from Parkland, Florida, “March for Our Lives is created by, inspired by, and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar.”

April 20th - National High School Walk-Out for Anti-Gun Violence. Student-organized walkout commemorating the 19th anniversary of the Columbine campus shooting. Some organizers are calling for students to stay out of school until “their demands are met” (i.e. gun laws are changed).

For MS/HS parents

In advance of March 14th, school administrators will meet with student leaders to discuss how we as a community want to remember the students and staff members killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. While we expect students to remain on campus that day, we will interrupt scheduled teaching at 10:00 a.m. for this special event or set of activities. We will keep you informed of our plans once we have discussed this with our students and developed a plan. Since our top concern is student safety, we expect students to remain on campus. However, we cannot prevent them from leaving, and should they decide to leave, we will not be able to ensure their safety.

Since March 24th is a Saturday, we will not be organizing any school events for that day.

As for April 20th, we expect students to attend and remain in school, however we will continue to plan with students if they wish to organize special activities during lunch or hold an assembly.

For Elementary School Parents

I wanted to share this information with you to keep you informed of what may be happening in the community, but also to assure that we will not be discussing these events as part of the school day. Teachers may choose to take some time on March 14th for reflection; however, we will not link that activity to the larger protest movement or the Florida school shooting. We will not plan anything for Saturday, March 24th, or for Friday, April 20th.

For all

These national events were designed to give students, teachers, and others the chance to express their frustration with the senseless gun violence that has already plagued many schools and to take action to bring about change. We support our students' desire to make a positive difference in the world, but we also want to make sure they are safe. As such, we will do what we can to give them opportunities on campus to talk and learn about these issues and explore ways in which they can make a difference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office, 650-712-7112.

Sincerely,

Jane Yuster
Superintendent