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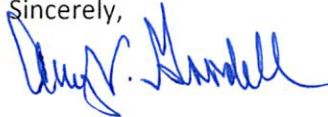
Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Wednesday, March 14th marks the one month anniversary of the tragic events that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. As many of you know, outside groups have organized nationwide walkouts on March 14th in observance of this anniversary to remember the victims and to encourage lawmakers to pass stricter gun control laws.

Principal Adams and Assistant Principal Dobbs have met with the student advisory committee to discuss safe and non-disruptive means of expression regarding the issue. The student advisory committee agreed that a moment of silence would give the students an opportunity to show compassion for what happened in Florida without jeopardizing the safety and security of our students. In memory of the victims of the Parkland tragedy, the High School will observe a moment of silence at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14th.

The District supports students' First Amendment Rights to express themselves in a non-disruptive manner. The safety of our students is of the utmost importance. The District does not believe a walkout is safe. Student walkouts can create a disruptive and unsafe environment, and therefore, if a student chooses to walkout he or she may face disciplinary actions in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Sincerely,



Amy V. Goodell
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