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Message from Superintendent Leslie Lockhart:

Call to Action Walk-Out: April 20th

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members,

We are aware that there is a national “call to action” walk-out planned for April 20th so that people may both express their support of gun control and also encourage legislators to take action to help prevent tragedies like the February shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Some of our schools participated in the March 14th national event in honor of the victims of Parkland. Please know that our administration supports the public calls by our young people for our leaders to take productive action to further the cause of school safety.

While we honor and respect student rights for freedom of speech and civil action, our schools will not deviate from the normal educational activities planned for that day. Any student who misses class because of participation in a walk-out will be marked absent, which can turn into a truancy on their attendance record. Please note that students who leave school without permission are also putting themselves at a safety risk.

At Culver City High School, our students have organized several daytime events that will allow students to take part in the event while remaining on campus. During nutrition, participating students will be organizing as a letter “H,” which will be photographed and shared with a coalition of schools spelling out the message, “We need #SafeSchools”. During lunch period, students will organize in the Peace Garden, where students have volunteered to give speeches related to the call to action.

We are dedicated to teaching and modeling methods for effective civic engagement while under our care and supervision at our school sites. We ask that parents and students consider the impact on their education before choosing to leave school. We encourage any outside activities to be conducted under parent supervision, after school or weekends.

Educating your children and keeping them safe is the most important work we do every day, and we are looking forward to a productive school day tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lockhart, Superintendent