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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to you to provide information about the National School Walkout Day on March 14.

All of us in the Nyack Public Schools extend our deepest sadness for the loss of 17 precious lives in the senseless and unimaginable tragedy in Parkland, Florida. As the nation grieves, the idea of a voluntary school walkout on March 14 continues and provides our District an opportunity to provide an educational experience for students.

The Nyack Public School District, in partnership with other Rockland County schools, will provide students the opportunity to express opinions while connecting to the mission of the District. We will coordinate with the Clarkstown and South Nyack Police Departments and our District security teams to ensure the details of the event are done in a safe, secure and protected manner in designated areas.

Moreover, allowing for a brief educational walkout event with a return thereafter to classrooms, is connected to our District mission and our goal to promote and maintain a safe and secure environment. It is also consistent with the Project SAVE Law enacted by the New York State Legislature in 2000.

These voluntary events in our District will take place at our High School and Middle School. Students choosing not to walk out will be respected, and supervised inside the school buildings.

Due to the mature themes associated with this event, students at the elementary schools will not have the opportunity to participate. Families are asked to speak with their elementary aged students as they see appropriate. If elementary parents need support on how to communicate with their children on this topic, please contact your Building Principal.

Secondary School Principals will contact you by the end of next week to provide details.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

James J. Montesano, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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