

# SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 2, 2018

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. Although we support our students' desire to make a positive difference in the world, our priority is to ensure student safety. Please note that these protests do not represent all of the events that may be scheduled in our community, nor does this announcement represent any affiliation with the groups sponsoring the events listed below.

March 14<sup>th</sup> – [Enough: National School Walkout](#)

March 24<sup>th</sup> – [March for Our Lives](#)

April 20<sup>th</sup> – National High School Walk-Out for Anti-Gun Violence.

In advance of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 and principals may develop a special schedule to accommodate a set of activities. Principals will keep you informed once they have developed their plans their staff and students. 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, they will be marked absent and we will not be able to ensure their safety.

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

As for April 20<sup>th</sup>, we expect students to attend and remain in school.

[Click here](#) to find a variety of resources to help you communicate with your children about topics related to the shooting, such as gun violence, First and Second Amendment rights, as well as tips for coping with grief around these types of events.

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

Sincerely,

Mary E. Streshly  
Superintendent