

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Dear Wilder Middle School Families:

HCPS is aware that in response to the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida last month, some scholars may want to participate in a seventeen minute walkout at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Please know that although HCPS is not sanctioning this walkout, we are concerned about scholar supervision in the event scholars leave their classrooms.

In advance of the March 14 date, we are writing to share that in anticipation of this student-led event, we are requiring a response from you by Friday, March 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. using the link below if you wish for your scholar to participate.

We encourage families to have a discussion with their scholar about his/her/their beliefs related to the walkout. Since we will not allow scholars to walk out of the classrooms unless we have permission from their family, it is imperative these discussions occur so there is no misunderstanding or miscommunication between the scholar, the school, and the family. On March 14 during our Advisory Block (10:00-10:30 am), ALL scholars will engage with their teachers in a discussion about school safety and the impact of school violence.

Again, HCPS does not support or endorse any political activity or view, but in recognition of the fact this event has been widely promoted on social media, we are obligated to manage the event and provide a safe environment for students who participate. Therefore:

- Scholars will be allowed to participate in the walkout **ONLY** IF we have received parental permission on the goggle document by the deadline.
- We will provide a place on campus, which will be supervised by school staff, for scholars to participate in the seventeen minute walkout.
- Scholars will be expected to be quiet and respectful throughout the event.
- Scholars will not receive disciplinary consequences from the school for participating, however, instructional time may be missed.

CLICK HERE to access a [GoogleForm](#) which will allow families to provide permission. You will need to complete the form multiple times if you are providing permission for multiple scholars.

Google Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RBJJqUVq96ql-oEzI7GssoQ89nIKgvQD8iYJsDlx3dA/edit>

Sincerely,

Solomon Jefferson
Principal