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To: LEUSD High School Faculty, Staff, Students and Families

Subject: Advisory about student expression and campus safety on 4/20

This letter is to reiterate LEUSD's policies regarding student expression and our commitment to school safety and security.

The February tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has inspired a series of student demonstrations and related activities in March, and again on Friday, April 20, 2018 (4/20).

Student leaders at some LEUSD high schools have approached site administrators about organizing voluntary student activities on 4/20. The safety of our students will be our priority on 4/20, repeating guidelines used successfully during the March 14th Parkland observances.

- On 4/20 we are prepared to safely accommodate voluntary pre-planned student forums and activities at the high school level. CAASPP testing at high schools is not scheduled on 4/20.
- Regarding elementary, TK-8, and middle schools on 4/20: because of CAASPP testing, their instructional activities and bell schedules will remain unchanged.
- A reminder about attendance, all regular school rules and policies apply. Leaving a school campus without written consent may result in an unexcused absence.

The March 14th student-led remembrances set a high standard of conduct we expect on April 20.

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns about this message.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Kimberly
Superintendent