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### Message to the Lennox School District Community Regarding Parkland, Florida

Our District joins the nation in mourning for the victims of the tragic, senseless school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

We recognize that this heartbreaking event has spurred a spirited nationwide debate and discussion on the nature and extent of gun control. Some of our own students have sought a space and opportunity to communicate their feelings on this sensitive issue, including participating in a nationally organized school walkout on March 14, 2018, to honor the 17 victims from the Parkland incident.

We are proud that our students have expressed empathy and support for the victims and survivors, as well as their passion to contribute to this national discussion regarding gun violence. To the extent that students would like to participate in the walkout, the District respects their Constitutional rights, including those rights pertaining to free speech. The District and its administrators are working to provide alternative avenues where students can share their viewpoints while remaining on campus. Regardless of whether students choose to participate or not, the District's goal is the same, in that it wants to ensure that its students feel safe, supported, and respected.

Outside of being asked to help navigate students through these contentious issues, many parents have asked us for guidance regarding what they can do to ensure that their children are safe. It is always important to encourage students to be aware of their surroundings and if they see something dangerous, encourage them to say something. To the extent that a student or parent is aware of any particular suspicious behavior or has certain safety concerns, they are advised to:

- Call 911
- Speak to a teacher or school administrator immediately
- Contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Anonymous Crime hotline a 1-800-222-8477

Our schools will always be there to support its students. Between our administrators and active parents, we can keep our schools safe and help our students march "on the flight path to success."