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Subject: **Advisory Regarding Student Demonstrations on March 14, 2018**

To All LEUSD Students and Families:

The recent tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has sparked an unprecedented student movement across America.

On Wednesday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m., under the auspices of the Women's March Youth EMPOWER movement, demonstrations nationwide will occur to memorialize the 17 Parkland student and teacher victims, while showing solidarity against violence. This is to be a respectful, 17-minute observance.

Student leaders at our high schools have expressed a desire to organize their own school observances on the 14th, which, by right, may be held on campus during school hours.

In the interest of safety, student gatherings may be allowed on school grounds, not off campus.

We are prepared to safely accommodate any student-led observances that may occur on High School and Middle School campuses on the 14th.

For elementary schools, optional and age-appropriate poster-signings to support families of students at Stoneman Douglas High School may be collected and sent to Parkland, Florida.

On March 14th, Middle and High Schools may adjust bell schedules to accommodate student-led observances in designated assembly areas on campus. High School students will not be exempt from school restrictions on leaving campus early.

Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding voluntary student participation in this observance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Kimberly
Superintendent