



HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Hanover High School Parents/Guardians:

The Parkland, Florida tragedy has opened deep emotions for students, parents, teachers, and staff in school communities. Students are voicing their opinions nationwide in discussions concerning school violence. Across the nation, efforts are underway to organize student activities on April 20, 2018.

Hanover Public School District recognizes that some of our students are interested in participating in activities that show support for this movement. The safety and security of our students is our highest priority. Therefore, we are working with the students to ensure student safety throughout this time.

In order to support students with diverse opinions while maintaining a safe and secure environment for all of our students, the Hanover Public School District will be enacting the following safety measures for April 20, 2018. Thus, students that want to participate in an event to show support for this national movement will be given the opportunity as well as students that are non-participants will have numerous alternatives to pursue.

Please note the following :

- A special FLEX period from 10:00 AM to 10:35 AM will be scheduled
- Students may sign up to participate in this event using the meeting scheduler in Firefly Blend. Students are in no way obligated to participate. Students choosing to not participate in the event will have a variety of other activities to select from.
- At 10 AM, those students who have signed up to participate may proceed respectfully to the designated area in the front of the high school. Students must remain in that designated area for the duration of this event. Administrators and designated staff members will be present for supervision.
- In order to maintain student safety, the campus will be closed to all incoming traffic during that time. Entrances will be secured in cooperation with the Hanover Borough Police Department. No visitors will be permitted on the campus during this time.
- Students gathered outside will conduct a vigil during which the names and biographies of the victims of the Parkland school shooting will be read aloud.
- All students must return to class at the conclusion of the FLEX period at 10:35 AM .

- **Students will not be permitted to leave the designated area out of safety and security concerns. A student choosing to leave the designated area, or any failure to abide by the established guidelines for this event will be in violation of the Code of Conduct and will be subject to the consequences associated with such actions.**

The Hanover Public School District is committed to providing an avenue for students to express their concerns in a safe and organized manner. We understand that not all students will want to participate in the gathering outside of the school building and provisions are in place for those students to participate in other activities of their choice. We understand that families may have differing opinions about students participating in this activity and encourage you to have conversations about this at home. Additionally, we respect the rights of students to express different viewpoints on these important issues. For safety and security reasons, no students will be permitted to leave Hanover High School, or the designated area in front of the school building during this event. Please feel free to contact the High School Office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal of Hanover High School