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Dear Parents and Guardians-

Over the last month our community, as well as our state and country, has had considerable discussion about school safety. This discussion has not only been taking place between adults, but also between students. This discussion has taken place face to face as well over social media, with the intention of having students feel safe at school.

On March 14th, there is a movement for students to walk out of their classes at 10:00 a.m. for 17 minutes. The significance of the date is the 30 day remembrance of the school shooting that took place in Parkland, Florida. The 17 minutes is to remember the 17 victims of the shooting. This movement is meant to be a way of showing that students are united in asking to be safe at school and to remember the victims.

Students at Northland Pines High School have approached administration in a desire to show that they also believe in being safe at school and also want to remember the students who lost their lives. The students are asking during the walk out to take a moment of silence to remember the victims as well as support the ongoing discussion that we need to find new ways to keep schools safe. The focus of the NPHS students during their discussion about the walkout has been to work on making this a kinder world and to help prevent future school violence.

The students of Northland Pines Middle School have not been talking about the walk out and have not approached the administration. Since this is the case we have not engaged our middle school students in any conversations about the walk out. Middle school students can choose to participate in the walk out without receiving any backlash. We encourage parents/guardians of middle school students to handle the discussing of this topic at home if you feel the need to do so.

Please have a discussion with your student on how you want them to handle this situation. As with every school day, we will work to make sure students will be safe. Students who choose to walk out will be missing their study hall over the 17 minutes. Administration expects any student who does walk out to be respectful to one another and after 17 minutes to return to their study hall. Students will be supervised in all settings in the school and study hall will run like a normal day for students who do not choose to walk out.

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