



STEPHEN & HARRIET MYERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY

April 18, 2018

Dear Families:

I am writing to share with you our school's plans to partner with our students who would like to make their voices heard in conjunction with National School Walkout activities being organized for Friday, April 20.

Our administrative staff and teachers have worked together with student leaders in our Myers Allies group to organize the following observance on our campus Friday afternoon.

- At 1:32 p.m., at the conclusion of our school-wide Mindful Moment, **students who signed up in advance** to participate in the walkout will go outside to the area of the tennis courts in the back of our campus. There will be student speeches, followed by a march around the outside of our school building.
- At 2:15 p.m., our students will return to school in time for the start of ninth period.

As noted above, only students who sign up in advance will be allowed to participate in Friday's activities. We will have a registration table set up in the cafeteria during all lunch periods Thursday, and during breakfast before the start of school Friday.

- **Please note** that if you do not want your child to participate in Friday afternoon's activities you can contact Assistant Principal Lisa House by 10 a.m. Friday at (518) 475-6425 or lhouse@albany.k12.ny.us.

I would like to thank teachers Cheryl Backman and Jessie LaPolla for their thoughtful role in working together with our student leaders to organize these activities. It is our goal to ensure that these activities are both appropriate within the context of national events, and safe for our entire school community. We value these opportunities to provide all of our students educational experiences that help them learn to advocate for the social and civic topics they value, both now and in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me Thursday or Ms. House on Friday.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chatain
Principal