



## COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear CCPS Families:

On Wednesday, March 14, Covington City students may choose to join others across the nation to acknowledge the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida. Students across the nation are planning to participate in a national school walkout for 17 minutes. Each minute pays homage to the 17 people killed on February 14 at the Florida high school. This event will be initiated and led by the students.

School administrators and staff are making plans to keep all students safe, whether they choose to participate in this event or stay in their classrooms. Areas for this peaceful gathering will be designated within the school buildings or in a secure place outside, should students choose to go outside for 17 minutes. School Resource Officers and Administrators will monitor the walk out. Covington City Police will provide extra monitoring for this event with their presence during the day.

You are asked to please discuss the possible participation of your child(ren) in this walk out and recent events of violence in our country. The responsibility for keeping our schools safe belongs to everyone. Everyone must be vigilant - if you see something, say something; if you know something, make sure someone else knows, too. As a partner in school safety efforts, encourage your child(ren) to tell you or another trusted adult if they become aware of a rumor or threat of violence.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping Covington City Public Schools a safe and nurturing learning environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Melinda Snead-Johnson  
Division Superintendent

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Chair, Covington City School Board