



Highland Park Senior High School

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Dear Highland Park Senior High School Families,

Some students at schools across the country are planning to participate in the Youth Climate Strike on Friday, March 15. The participants plan to walk out of school and march or drive to the State Capitol to bring attention to the issue of climate change.

This event is not sponsored or affiliated with our school and we do not anticipate any major disruption to our school day. In addition any quizzes, tests or other class responsibilities are still the responsibility of the student. Students need to consider these responsibilities in light of the fact that six instructional days have been lost due weather related school closings.

We respect students' First Amendment rights and we do not discipline them for peaceful protests. However, if your child chooses to participate in a walkout and leave campus, we cannot ensure their safety. Additionally, they will not be allowed back into school and will not be able to use school bus transportation at the end of the school day. Students will also not be allowed to participate in after-school or evening activities, practices or athletic events for that day. Walkouts could result in an unexcused absence unless parents call or provide a note. If parents do not grant permission for their child to participate, walking out of school will result in an unexcused absence.

We appreciate our active and engaged students in issues that affect them. At Highland Park Senior High School we strive to provide students a safe and supportive place to express their opinions and talk through their feelings without fear of judgment. If you have any questions, please call me at 651-744-3802.

Thank you for supporting your child and Highland Park Senior High School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Winston H. Tucker
Principal