



Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 625
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Murray Middle School
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April 16, 2021

Dear Murray Families,

Many conversations are happening about social justice and the trauma our community is facing with the killing of Daunte Wright and the trial of Derek Chauvin. In response, protests and school walkouts are taking place across the country.

SPPS is aware of a protest happening next week as detailed below. Please read the following information carefully.

The Minnesota School Walkout is scheduled to take place at 1 p.m., Monday, April 19. It calls for students to walk out of school until 1:47 p.m.

However, Murray Middle School normally dismisses classes at 1:00PM. In order to respect the walk-out, students that wish to participate will be allowed to exit the building at 12:45 to exercise their right to protest while remaining on school grounds and while being supervised by staff. SPPS does not discipline students for peaceful protests.

SPPS supports the role of protest in society and efforts to create change in the face of traumatic events and also respects the rights of those who choose not to participate.

We ask that any students participating in this event wear masks and maintain social distancing for the safety of our school community.

If your child chooses to participate in a walkout and leave campus, SPPS cannot ensure student safety. **School buses will leave at the designated time, so if students miss the bus, families need to arrange a ride home for their student.**

It is our expectation that students will remain on campus during this scheduled disruption and will immediately board their busses at 1:00PM for departure.

Staff members throughout our district strive to provide students a safe place to express their opinions and talk through their feelings without fear of judgment. In some cases, teachers may use current events like these to teach lessons on peaceful conflict resolution, the role of protest in society or creating change in the face of traumatic events.

If you have any questions, please call Murray at 651-293-8740.



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Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie, Principal
Murray Middle School

Resources

SPPS ONE STOP for various needs and solutions - <https://www.spps.org/ONESTOP>

Murray website - <https://www.spps.org/murray>

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