Good morning Murray families,

Murray Middle School is aware of a protest happening today (1/18/22) regarding COVID, safety and education. Please know that this is not a sanctioned or endorsed Saint Paul Public Schools activity, so please read the following information carefully.

The “Stop COVID-19” walkout event is scheduled to take place at 1:00PM today, 1/18/22. It calls for students to walk out of school at 1:00PM.

SPPS supports the role of protest in society, in efforts to create change and also respects the rights of those who choose not to participate. Each school will determine how to respect the choices of students and staff in appropriate ways.

SPPS does not discipline students for peaceful protests. However, if students choose to participate and miss all or part of a class, they will be marked absent or tardy. Students are expected to go back to school/class at the conclusion of this event.

We hope 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 staff will not accompany them or provide supervision. School buses will leave at the designated time, so if students miss the bus, families will need to arrange a ride home for their student.

It is our expectation that students will remain on campus during this scheduled disruption and learning will continue as usual immediately following the walkout.

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 or retaliation. 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 contact Murray at 651-293-8740.

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie
Principal, Murray Middle School
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