



LITTLE ROCK
SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

October 29, 2019

Dear LRSD Parents and Guardians:

This message is intended to make you aware of a potential student walk-out/protest that could take place tomorrow. Social media posts have indicated that students should have their parents call schools and report them as sick, and that they should then head to the state capitol building, where the protest will conclude. We have no information about how students will be transported. Additionally, the social media posts we have seen have not specified a clear reason for the demonstrations.

We felt that parents would want to know about this potential action, so you could have thoughtful discussions with your students at home. While we encourage civic engagement, this protest is not a sanctioned school event.

A majority of our students are involved in both curricular and extracurricular activities every day and we would hate to have any disruption to their instructional time or participation in performing arts and athletics. Additionally, we must follow policies and record student absences. Information regarding LRSD's absence policies may be found on page 36 of the [Student Handbook](#).

As a result of the recent events, parents may consider using this as a valuable teaching moment in your family setting, encompassing civic responsibility, accountability and the importance of daily attendance.

This is also an important opportunity to educate our students about the democratic process in action and the right to peacefully demonstrate differing views in a responsible manner. Civic participation helps our students become well-rounded, informed, thoughtful and engaged citizens. Our students have great ideas and we need their voice, but we must all work together to create safe forums for ideas to be exchanged.

Thank you for your daily support of our District. It takes all of us working together to ensure that our students have the best possible outcomes.

Sincerely,

Michael Alan Poore
Superintendent of Schools