



March 14, 2018

Dear Hamilton Families and Community,

In light of the National Student Walkout, in protest of gun violence and to remember the 17 students killed in Parkland Florida one month ago, Hamilton prepared a safety plan for our students that chose to walkout today. As recommended by Superintendent Tom Boasberg's communication, we developed a plan for our students to safely participate in the National School Walkout.

"Students in grades 6-8 may be provided age-appropriate educational activities about the issue of guns in our society and/or may be offered safe spaces in school to express their views. For their own safety, students in these middle school grades will not be allowed to walk off campus. Parents/guardians who want their middle school students to participate in walkout activities will need to sign their child out of school in the morning and bring their children back to school after the walkout."-Tom Boasberg
[\(https://www.dpsk12.org/information-about-potential-walkouts/\)](https://www.dpsk12.org/information-about-potential-walkouts/)

The safe space provided for all our students was similar to the one we provide during fire drills. Students who chose to walkout were directed to the recess field, in designated spaces with campus leadership and safety supervision. Teachers were also in classrooms for students who chose not to participate. Students returned to class after observing 17 minutes of silence, and school resumed as normal.

Our primary concern is, as always, student safety. Hamilton worked closely DPD and DPS safety to develop our plan and ensure student safety during the event.

Please direct any questions or concerns to our Family Community Liaison, Carolyn Leahy, carolyn_leahy@dpsk12.org.

Respectfully,

Senior Leadership Team at Hamilton Middle School