



SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Sylvan Union School District Community,

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With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we remain committed to maintaining high levels of student engagement in a safe learning environment. April 20 marks the 19th year since the Columbine High School tragedy occurred in Colorado, and there is a national “walk-out” movement planned that will commence at 10 a.m. and continue until the end of the school day. While the Sylvan Union School District supports our students’ rights, we also recognize that we cannot accommodate student participation in a 5-hour demonstration. Students are minors, and while in school, we are responsible for their safety and care. Allowing students to leave campus during instruction without parent accompaniment would jeopardize their safety. For this reason, SUSD has worked in cooperation with our principals to maintain the following District-wide expectations:

- SUSD will recognize April 20, 2018, as a regular school day.
- The entire Sylvan school community can best ensure student safety and security by monitoring students in the classroom setting.
- Parents who want their child to participate in a “walk-out” activity off campus, will need to report to the school office and follow school procedures for signing their child out.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Debra M. Hendricks
Superintendent

Our Mission:

To provide a dynamic, broad-based education that prepares each child to be a contributing member of society.