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Dear Parent,

We certainly understand the sentiments and motivation behind the protests that have been occurring in the community and at many of our schools in the past several days. And, we respect the right of free speech.

However, we would much prefer that students would limit voicing their protests to the school campus rather than leaving the campus, possibly endangering their safety and missing classroom time.

The school district has increased school police patrols in the interest of the safety of the students and will provide buses to return students to schools when appropriate.

We urge you to speak with your children about the need to confine their protests to the school campus. There are opportunities in classes for teachers and students to discuss these issues and it would be far better if students would stay in class and on campus to do this. Each school principal will determine what disciplinary action might be taken for those students who do leave the campus.

In the meantime, we will do everything we can to ensure that those students who do leave the campus are supervised as they leave the campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rowena Lagrosa".

Rowena Lagrosa  
Executive Officer, Educational Services