



# Monroe High School

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Trojans:

I received a forwarded email this morning that asked MHS to walkout at noon today. I sent two emails to the address on the email telling them we supported their voice and offered for them to come to my office to discuss how we could help them. I have not received a reply or a visit.

Another staff member dropped in and asked how do we know this is not someone from the outside trying to get teachers and students outside to do harm.

We do not know the answer to this teacher's question, nor do I have students who stepped forward when given a welcome to do so. This is what we know.

This outside email is incorrect. There are two national walkout days planned, one for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (month anniversary after Parkland) and one for the and April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (19-year anniversary of Columbine). The survivors from Parkland are being heard. <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/2/19/17027250/march-protests-guns-florida-shooting>

This is on the website for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School: *That seems to be the hope after the [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting](#) in Parkland, Florida, that killed at least 17 people and injured at least 14 others. In the days after the shooting, students and activists have called on their peers around the country to demand action. This has so far culminated in two planned events: the National School Walkout on March 14 and the March for Our Lives on March 24.*

The theme of both events: Enough is enough.

*Walk for our Lives: "Students and staff have the right to teach and learn in an environment free from the worry of being gunned down in their classrooms or on their way home from school," Women's March organizers, who are setting up the school walkout, said in a [statement](#). "Parents have the right to send their kids to school in the mornings and see them home alive at the end of the day."*

**I am asking you and your students to not do the walkout today since we have many unanswered questions and concerns.**

**I would encourage the students and you to consider these national dates.** In addition, this will carry so much more weight for our policy makers because students and staff need to be heard.

**Please know that not participating today is not a sign we do not support a walkout, in fact the opposite. This decision was based on safety. These are uncharted waters, and it will take all of our thinking to be as prepared as we can be.**

There will be TFT meetings in the next month, led by Deputy Hammond, giving our staff and students as much prep and info for ALICE and other safety protocols as they have questions. Mrs. McDonald will send this information to you in the next day or two.

Thank you team.

Mrs. Kreps

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