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Dear Families and Students,

We are writing to let you know of a potential student planned and led walk out and protest taking place at Glendale Secondary School on Wednesday, May 29th in relation to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas. The walkout is planned to happen during periods 3 and 4 (12:10 pm – 2:50 pm).

The walk out is being held by a group of students and the event has been promoted on social media channels.

While we support student voices, we also have an expectation that students attend class as scheduled. We ask students planning to leave class, to follow the school's regular attendance procedure. Parental permission for students under 18 years of age is required before signing out of class.

As these activities are not school or Board-organized events, there will be no staff supervision provided. As such, please note that student safety at this demonstration cannot be guaranteed by the school - however, we have arranged for security to be on site as a precaution.

Students are reminded that the media have the right to cover any event off school property. Please be mindful of speaking with the media. Anyone under the age of 18 should consult their parents/caregivers before speaking with a reporter.

HWDSB is deeply committed to upholding human rights for all and for creating an environment that is safe, inclusive, and respectful for all HWDSB students, staff and families. We do not stand with hate, intolerance, or violence of any kind. Students must not engage in any discriminatory, violent or harmful behaviour while participating in any protest or walk-out activity (and related social media activity). HWDSB's policies and procedures, including and not limited to, our Human Rights policy and Code of Conduct, are applicable. It is also possible that non-school community members may attend the protest, and anyone participating should prioritize their safe and well-being.



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We understand that some students may be experiencing feelings of hurt, anger or uncertainty in the face of the tragic events taking place. We encourage students needing support to reach out to the Student Services department, a trusted adult, or to access the supportive resources below. It is important we all demonstrate empathy, humanity, respect and care for one another.

Thank you,

David Schroeder, M.Ed

Principal – Glendale Secondary School

Resources

- Kids Help Phone - Crisis Line 1-800-668-6868 24/7 counselling and information service for young people.
- HWDSB Helps - Text 905-963-0066 or via Web Chat HWDSB Helps is a free and anonymous way for students to find help for themselves and one another. Tips may relate to student mental health, bullying, substance use and more. This is not a crisis line or counselling service. Click here to learn more.
- HWDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Find a full listing of mental health-related opportunities on our We Help Update webpage. In addition to groups and workshops, students and families can also explore the links below to a wide range of mental health and well-being resources.