



RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Lake Highlands High School

October 28, 2021

Wildcat Parents,

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we are committed to providing a secure campus for everyone at Lake Highlands High School. You may be aware through word of mouth or social media that an outdoor, off campus student protest activity is potentially being planned for Friday, October 29. Students of different racial backgrounds, genders, and identities have expressed concerns about equality issues at our school, and some have indicated they are planning to participate in a demonstration tomorrow.

Our administrative team has worked with RISD Safety & Security on plans and measures to keep all students and staff members safe, and we will work to ensure that any student's intent to assemble does not disrupt the school day. Students who choose to leave campus to take part in the demonstration will not be allowed to return that day and will receive an unexcused absence.

I have met with a number of students over the last week to listen to concerns and talk about solutions and next steps, and we will continue to encourage students to come and talk through ideas and solutions. I feel optimistic we have engaged in productive dialogues and look forward to opportunities to move forward together.

If you have not had a chance, I encourage you to [view Dr. Stone's update from today](#), which touches on some of these topics as well.

As always, please contact me or a member of our LHHS leadership team if you have any questions or feedback, and just a quick reminder, Friday is a school day operating on a normal schedule and Monday and Tuesday are student holidays.

Regards,

Kerri Jones
LHHS Principal