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Dear Broward County Public Schools Families:

Our District and our entire community are forever changed by the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. As we approach the end of what has been a heartbreaking school year, we remain focused on building strength as a community and finding ways to heal together.

Over the past few months, the District has worked with employees, parents and community partners to reinforce and enhance safety practices across all school campuses. The safety and security of our students and employees is paramount and we are leveraging a variety of resources to support our efforts in this area. This critical work is ongoing.

Below is an overview of actions that have been or will be taken as we close out this school year and prepare for the 2018/19 school year and beyond.

Safety & Security Measures Districtwide for All Schools

- The District has chosen an independent security firm, which is conducting risk assessments for all District schools and reviewing District policies, training and security staffing models to provide recommendations for security enhancements.
- The District is working to provide at least one School Resource Officer or school safety officer for every school for the new school year.
- All safety protocols for routine school operations will be continuously reinforced. This includes requiring students and staff to wear identification badges while on campus at all times and visitors to wear a school or District form of identification while on campus; locking classroom doors at all times; locking and securing exterior doors and gates throughout the day; being vigilant in monitoring the campus throughout the day; and conducting emergency preparedness training for faculty, staff and students on a regular basis.
- Enhanced active assailant training, developed by a multi-agency work group, will be implemented for all staff in the 2018/19 school year. Additional training is being developed specifically for students and will be delivered beginning in the new school year.

- The District is in the process of upgrading real-time surveillance camera systems at all schools. The work will be completed by the end of June 2018.
- Mental health services for students and staff are being expanded throughout the summer and for next school year.
- The District will undergo an extensive review of its discipline policies and programs over the next several months, and with input from our community, make changes to improve implementation. As an immediate first step, school leaders and administrators have been directed to ensure that all discipline incidents are properly reported. Finally, school audits will now include a review of compliance with our student code of conduct and discipline policies.
- The District's expedited Single Point of Entry measures for campus visitors, which use fencing and door systems to limit access to one entrance, will be completed at all schools by the end of this calendar year or the first quarter of 2019 at the latest.
- The District will continue to engage the community to garner suggestions for school safety and security.

The safety of our students, employees and schools will continue to require an ongoing community-wide effort. We encourage parents and families to remind their children – if you see something, say something. Information and tips can be shared anonymously in the following ways:

- Call 754-321-0911
- Email school911@browardschools.com
- Text CRIMES or 274637 – the message must begin with SBBC
- Submit online via broward.k12.fl.us/siu/siunew/tipsemail.asp

The District will continue to convene work groups to garner suggestions from students, employees, parents and members of our community. We will continue to provide updates throughout the summer. We wish all of our families a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools