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VIA: Teaching & Learning Superintendents



SUBJECT: **MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS 2023 COMMEMORATION**



A Day of Service and Love

#2getherInServiceandLove

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Broward County Public Schools and communities across Broward County will host A Day of Service and Love in observance of the 17 loved ones we remember and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School on February 14, 2018.

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A Day of Service and Love provides an opportunity for students, employees, and volunteers to come together to support each other through a variety of community service activities at our schools and across the county. Students will use this service-learning day to make a positive impact in the community. We want them to know they have the power to positively shape the lives of others.

This year, students will work on service-learning projects with the goal of Serving with Relationships, Grace and Respect. As we continue to emphasize personal and emotional wellness, it is important that we make time to develop positive and rewarding relationships with our peers, community, and ourselves. The Student Services Division, in collaboration with HandsOn Broward, has developed a range of service projects to support local efforts.

ACTION 1: COLLABORATE

Schools will work collaboratively to develop a plan to focus on and implement one or more service-learning activity topics under 'ACTION 2' during the early release day on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Principals will designate a Project Designee to coordinate these activities.

ACTION 2: SERVICE-LEARNING FOCUS

Schools can choose from one or multiple service-learning focus topics below and develop specific activities to engage in. Schools can create and implement their own activities or use the ideas provided by HandsOn Broward. See attached Guidance Handbook.

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1. **Building Relationships** – *Activities designed to build positive relationships with self, peers, and/or school community.*
2. **Expressing Kindness and Compassion** - *Activities designed to express gratitude towards community service programs and/or school community.*
3. **Fostering Respect and Responsibility** - *Activities designed to promote respect for nature and the environment.*

ACTION 3: METRICS

To provide an opportunity for District Leadership and Central Offices to participate in school-based service-learning activities, please utilize the following link to share your service project plans by **January 27, 2023**: <https://bcps.browardschools.com/research/msdh/remember/>

In addition, all schools are required to track the number of participants (students, staff, community members, etc.) who participate in the service-learning activities and submit the data using the following link by **February 17, 2023**: <https://forms.office.com/r/aKA8WVvKMsB>

District-wide

On February 14, 2023, schools across the district will engage students in A Day of Service and Love activities. This is an early release day that has been designated as a service-learning day. Service-learning activities will count as instructional minutes. Service projects are intended to encourage service to others within schools and communities while also raising awareness about important and meaningful causes. We ask that all schools focus on the meaning and purpose of the day by honoring each of the 17 by name within their projects. They will also be remembered through District-wide communications in each of the school days leading up to February 14, 2023 beginning on January 20, 2023.

On Tuesday, February 14th at 10:17 a.m., the District will observe a Moment of Reflection in honor of the 17 loved ones we remember. All schools will be provided with an audio recording of the Moment of Reflection. A version of the recording without the names will be shared at the elementary schools and a version with the names will be shared at the middle and high schools. In accordance with normal school operations, Safe School Officers, security specialists, campus monitors, mental health professional staff and counselors will be accessible at all schools. Students who may experience emotional stress during this time can access the Tell Another Listening is Key (T.A.L.K.) App. The T.A.L.K. App is a mental health services resource for K-12 students and appears on all students' Clever dashboard.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSD) will commemorate the memory of the 17 loved ones we remember and those who were injured by engaging in A Day of Service and Love on campus. MSD will have an early release day at 11:00 a.m.

Community

In collaboration with our community partners (e.g. HandsOn Broward, City of Parkland, City of Coral Springs, Children's Services Council, and the Interfaith Council), community members will participate in heartfelt tributes and events on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Community Partners will provide community support with activities and volunteer service projects that serve others within their communities, while also raising awareness about important and meaningful causes and issues.

If you have questions, please contact **Dr. Carmello Moussignac, Program Manager, Recovery, at 754-321-1783** or via carmello.moussignac@browardschools.com or **Kenneth King, Regional Director at 754-321-3820** or via ken.king@browardschools.com.

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