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Dear parents and guardians,

On Sunday, February 14, 2021, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) will observe a *Day of Service and Love*, the three-year commemoration of the 17 lives lost and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

From February 8 through 12, schools across the District will engage in volunteer activities and students will contribute to their communities in positive ways. On Friday, February 12, at 10:17 a.m., the District will observe a moment of reflection and prayer for the lost and injured. On Sunday, February 14, the District, its partners, and faith-based organizations countywide will join together to support students and families at prayer vigils, commemorative masses, and community events.

Developing positive character traits in our youth is as important as the academic education they receive. During the week-long commemoration, BCPS students will make positive impacts on the lives of others through community service activities designed for students attending class on campus and those eLearning at home. We want them to know and feel proud that they are important contributors to our community and engage them and their families to positively shape the lives of others.

This guide includes an overview of the many events and service projects planned as part of the week-long *Day of Service and Love*. Thank you to our community partners for their support of these important activities and all they represent. I also wish to convey my personal appreciation to our families for their support, as we continue to heal and recover.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Runcie
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