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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the one-year commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy, many of our students, staff members and family members may feel some apprehension and concern about increased community discussion and potential media attention. We want to assure you that we will have additional support services available.

Attached is a guidance document*, prepared in collaboration with the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, with advice on how to talk with and support your children, as well as a summary of some of the support services available for your family. Please contact your school if you have any questions or would like additional information.

On February 14, 2019, schools across the District may engage students in *A Day of Service and Love*. In addition, at 10:17 a.m., the entire District and the community will be asked to observe a moment of silence to honor those whose lives were lost and recognize those injured during the tragedy.

On behalf of Broward County Public Schools, I invite you to join us in honoring those our community lost on February 14, 2018 and to recognize the recovery and strength of our students, staff, and families who were physically injured or emotionally impacted.

Our District is committed to providing support for our students and staff as we continue to heal from this tragedy. I also want to convey my personal appreciation to our families for their support as we recover as a community.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

*Guidance document
https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/14019/Parents%20Guide%20from%20the%20National%20Center%20for%20School%20Crisis%20and%20Bereavement.pdf