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Dear parents and guardians,

On Friday, February 14, 2020, Broward County Public Schools is observing a Day of Service and Love. This non-academic early release day will be a time to give back to the community in commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. In addition, at 10:17 a.m., our entire District and community are invited to observe a moment of silence in honor of the 17 lives lost and those who were injured.

A Day of Service and Love is an opportunity for us to come together to support each other and, through a variety of community service activities at our schools and across the county, spend the day making a positive impact on the lives of others. It is a time to reflect and to give back. We want our students to know that they have the power to positively shape the lives of others. On this day in particular, we want them to feel proud they are important contributors to our community and to be surrounded by positive acts of peers, school staff and other community members. Developing positive character traits in our youth is as important as the academic education they receive. We should also remind ourselves that as adults, we must exemplify what we want to see in our children.

A Parent's Guide for Talking with their Children and A Day of Service and Love Toolkit that provide an overview of the many events and service projects planned as part of a Day of Service and Love can be found at <https://www.browardschools.com/msdserviceandlove>.

I would like to thank our community partners for their support of these important activities and all that they represent. I also want to convey my personal appreciation to our families for their support, as we continue to heal and recover.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie