



Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

As our community continues to experience the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to reassure you of the District's continued commitment to provide our students and staff with a healthy learning environment.

It has come to our attention through a social media post that our students may be planning advocacy efforts in the form of student walkouts for protocols relating to personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 testing, and a return to virtual learning. Two of these protocols have been in place within our District for quite some time. Recently, changes were made to our Face Covering Policy requiring visitors and vendors to wear face coverings while inside our facilities. While face coverings remain optional for students and staff, they are available daily to all students free of charge upon request. Recent legislation prevents the District from requiring face covering usage by students.

Thanks to our partnership with the Florida Health Department - Broward County, voluntary COVID-19 testing is available to all students free of charge at all schools with parent permission. Additionally, free at-home test kits are available to our employees. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the free test kits and N95 masks being offered by our federal government.

The continuous implementation of these protocols contribute to the downward trend COVID-19 related absences for staff and students. Intermittent virtual learning opportunities as offered last school year are prohibited by our state government. We firmly believe that our students need to be educated within our school buildings.

The District is not sponsoring or participating in the Walkout. Any student advocacy needs to be outside of the school day. Students will not be authorized to leave campus during the regular scheduled school day to participate in a walkout. We ask that you speak with your children and ask them to discuss any health and safety related concerns they have with their school's administration.

For more information on COVID-19 protocols, please visit [browardschools.com/coronavirus](https://browardschools.com/coronavirus).

Thank you.