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Graham Safety Protocols Update for Parents and Students:

Boards of Education and Superintendents nationwide are balancing their obligations to educate their students and support their community and students' first amendment rights with their professional and educational responsibility to consistently and equitably enforce state and local laws and policies, which can include attendance requirements and school participation.

Across the country, high schools students' "Never Again" movement has led for calls in some areas for future school walk outs, some being planned for March 24, and another April 20, the anniversary of Columbine.

In our attempts to be proactive with students and encourage dialogue among staff and students prior to March 24th, Graham local school wishes to provide 2 resource documents for students and families to consider:

1. A communication "tip sheet" regarding school violence for children.
2. A FAQ document of student questions typically asked about the upcoming events and student rights.

We recommend students and/or parents who have questions encourage students to ask their principals and counselors for guidance as they learn about these events, the media coverage of them, and their personal choices. Our Administrative Team has held preparation meetings and can help students, parents, and staff through these scenarios.

Some students may or may not be impacted by the events and news. We ask all of our students to remember this notion, as we serve a large contingent of students K-12 with differing levels of development.

Sincerely,

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Graham Local schools