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## **Before DHS Walkout on Friday, Principal Ellen Dunn Sent Parents this Message**

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Here is the full text of an email Darien High School Principal Ellen Dunn sent to parents of students before the Friday, April 20 walkout from the school.

Darienite.com asked Dunn for a copy of the email early Friday afternoon, then sent a reminder to Dunn on Tuesday that it hadn't been sent, before receiving it on Tuesday.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am concerned about a rumor heard this afternoon that some students are planning to participate in the National Walkout on April 20, 2018 by leaving school at 10 am and traveling, by train, to NYC. With the exception of the delayed opening for PLCs on Friday, DHS will hold a regular school day.

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As you remember, we supported our students on March 14th when many of them chose to participate in a short, organized and appropriate response to the tragedy in Parkland, Florida.

We are proud of our students and believe in the power of their voices and in their freedom to hold and express varied opinions, however, we do not sanction further disruption to learning. Therefore, students do not have our permission to leave their classrooms or the DHS campus on Friday. We expect that our students will respect our need to ensure safety and protect valued instructional time. Those who do not comply will be subject to consequences as outlined in the DHS Student Handbook. We will communicate this information to our students in classes tomorrow, and we are sharing it with you so that you may do the same.

Thank you for your continued support in partnering with us to create a respectful, positive, and safe learning environment for all at DHS.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Dunn  
Principal