

From the President's Desk - National School Walkout, Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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To: Skyline Employees <skyline@smccd.edu>;



Dear Skyline College Colleagues,

A National School Walkout, scheduled as part of the #NeverAgain movement, will take place this Wednesday, March 14 in hundreds of schools across the nation in solidarity with the victims and survivors of the February 14 tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Students at many schools and colleges plan to demonstrate support for the student-led movement seeking stricter gun laws.

The Associated Students of Skyline College and Skyline College students have planned a walk out and political day of action on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the quad, where they will provide an opportunity for students to register to vote and voice their opinions by sending postcards to state and federal legislators. The purpose of the event is to display solidarity on the one month anniversary of the tragedy and create a venue for political activism.

March 14 Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Students walk out of class. ASSC will be set up on the quad.

- Tables for electronic postcards to state and federal legislature and voter registration tables

10:15 a.m. Moment of Silence

Led by ASSC

- Speakers:
 - Statement by ASSC leadership
 - Student Trustee Alfredo and Skyline College Administration

10:45 a.m. ASSC members will continue discussion of issues, distribute information and voter registration until 2PM

2:00 p.m. clean up

Faculty members at community colleges across California are considering ways in which to honor the victims in Parkland and other places. I encourage faculty and staff to be mindful of students who wish to participate in the walkout and political action arranged by peers. As an educational institution that values freedom of speech, peaceful political discourse and civic engagement, we applaud Associated Students of Skyline College for taking a leadership role on campus at this poignant moment in history.

As an educational institution that values social justice, we teach students to act as engaged citizens for the greater good. Skyline College is proud to be the college of choice for students with a social conscience. Supporting students in exercising their choice for civic engagement is inclusive of a comprehensive education. Our duties as educators include facilitating their understanding of how to balance those important values with their academic responsibilities.

Skyline College provides a supportive environment for students as they give voice to issues of importance and engage each other and the broader community in a thoughtful, public dialogue.

At Skyline College, the safety of students and employees is our top priority and we continue to examine and reexamine, as well as implement, best practices in emergency preparedness. We intend on maintaining the best possible level of safety planning and preparedness, especially through the work of the SMC Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Crisis Prevention Team. I encourage you to read this memo issued jointly by [Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Director Mark Ghilarducci \(PDF\)](#) a few days ago urging campuses and emergency management officials to review school safety procedures; it contains a link to state, federal, and local emergency preparedness resources of relevance to all of us.

There are many campus and community resources available to students dealing with any kind of emotional or mental trauma: **Psychological Services at Skyline College** offers personal counseling during business hours and can be contacted at (650) 738-4270, located in Room 2-209, www.skylinecollege.edu/healthcenter/psychologicalservices.php. **Kara** in Palo Alto offers grief support for children, teens, families and adults and can be contacted at (650)321-5272, info@kara-grief.org, www.kara-grief.org. **For urgent needs or crisis assistance, please contact: 911 or utilize the following resources.**

San Mateo County 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Numbers:

Psychiatric Emergency Services at (650) 573-2662.

Crisis Line for suicide Prevention, Alcohol/Drug Helpline, Parent Support, Shelter Information, Bilingual Services at (650) 579-0350

Rape Trauma Services at (650) 692-7273

CORA, Relationship Abuse, Domestic Violence, Bilingual Services at (800) 300-1080

National Mental Health Crisis Numbers:

Helplink, Information and Referral www.211.org at (800) 273-6222

RAINN, Rape Abuse Incest National Network www.rainn.org at (800) 656-HOPE

Veterans Crisis Hotline at (800) 273-8255, Press 1

San Francisco County 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Numbers:

Psychiatric Emergency Services, SF General Hospital (415) 206-8125

Suicide Prevention at 415-781-0500

Rape Hotline at 415-647-RAPE

La Casa de las Madres for Relationship Abuse, Domestic Violence, Shelter Services, Multilingual Services at (877) 503-1850

TalkLine for Parental Stress, Bilingual Services (415) 441-KIDS

Skyline College stands in solidarity with Parkland, Florida, and communities across the nation affected by horrific gun violence. We join the many voices advocating for change as we, and our students, deserve a world that is safe.

Sincerely,



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