



## SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 8, 2019

Dear Staff and Parents,

In an effort to keep our school community informed and involved, we want to take the opportunity to share preliminary information regarding our plans for May 17 and May 18, 2019.

As a district, we are working in partnership with the City of Santa Fe and the Resiliency Center to plan for Friday, May 17, 2019, in a way that honors those whose lives were lost and recognizes those injured during the tragic events of May 18, 2018. May 17, 2019, will be a Day of Remembrance and Resilience at Santa Fe High School. Students and staff will have the opportunity to choose to participate in workshops and activities focused on wellness, engage in community service projects, and learn about Resiliency Center programs.

In order to provide students and families the support to experience the first year mark of this difficult day in a way that is as comfortable as possible, attendance at the high school will be voluntary for May 17, 2019. The day will be a late arrival day for the high school to allow families the choice to spend the early morning time together. This day will be focused on our students and staff as we continue our commitment to fostering a healthy, safe and supportive learning environment. All other schools throughout the district will remain open and will operate on normal schedules for May 17, 2019.

Our planning for this day has included efforts to hear feedback from students, families, and staff, as well as engage in consultation with school districts in other states previously impacted by a tragic event. Our goal is to provide as much choice as possible in an effort to support each student and family's need for the day. Santa Fe High School administrators are currently working to complete the schedule of presentation, workshop, and activity choices. Additional details for the Day of Remembrance and Resilience will be shared by mid-April.

We appreciate all who expressed interest in planning and hosting events to honor those no longer living and those injured on May 18, 2018. Know that the Resiliency Center is leading the coordination of a community event scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 of which school administrators and staff will plan to attend. We encourage you to contact the Resiliency Center if you would like to support the community event.

If you are planning an event that you'd like to open up to the community, please contact the City of Santa Fe directly. Santa Fe ISD will continue to support the Resiliency Center in bringing our community together. More information will be shared about campus plans as finalized. We want to continue our work together to maintain a strong partnership with our students, staff, parents and the greater Santa Fe community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leigh Wall,  
Superintendent of Schools

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