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Philip Benante, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents,

Over the past two days our administrators have received several inquiries regarding student participation in the Philipstown Climate Strike, as well as other related events throughout the region and/or country. I am writing to provide you with information regarding student participation in such an event.

The Philipstown Climate Strike is scheduled to occur at 2:30 p.m. on St. Mary's Lawn. This is after the regular dismissal for secondary students. Please note that if you have a child in grades 6-12 who is attending this event we are assuming that they are doing so under your supervision. While members of the faculty and staff may be in attendance at the event, they would be participating as private citizens and under no obligation to supervise students who are in attendance.

If you are the parent of an elementary aged student and would like to attend the event with your child, please notify your child's classroom teacher by way of email or note as soon as possible (preferably by the end of the day on Thursday). This will help our school staff anticipate and coordinate for student pick-ups prior to regular dismissal on Friday.

Finally, some parents have inquired as to whether or not an absence for attendance at such an event would be excused. Such an absence would be qualified and noted as "unexcused" as it falls outside the scope of all absences that are "excused" in our Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

Philip Benante, Ed. D.