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Dear Broward County Public Schools students, families, staff and community,

On **Friday, February 13, 2026**, Broward County Public Schools will observe A Day of Service and Love, to honor the 17 lives tragically taken and all those injured on February 14, 2018, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Their memories remain rooted in our hearts and guide our commitment to remembrance, healing and unity:

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This day stands as a powerful reminder of the strength, resilience and compassion that define our community. On this day, at 10:17 a.m., students and staff across the District will pause for a moment of silence to honor all who were impacted. Schools will also take part in activities and service projects that promote kindness, foster connection and uphold the enduring legacy of those we lost.



To support parents, guardians and caregivers who may wish to speak with their children about this event and help students navigate any feelings that may arise, resources are available on the Day of Service and Love webpage: browardschools.com/serviceandlove. The page includes guidance on discussing grief and healing, as well as information about mental health services for anyone who may need support.

A Day of Service and Love is a heartfelt remembrance and a call to action to build a future grounded in compassion, understanding and hope.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure our schools remain safe, supportive environments for all students and staff.

With heartfelt reflection,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard Hepburn".

Dr. Howard Hepburn
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