Student Rights and Responsibilities in Civic Engagement

Students have the right to participate in civic engagement, including demonstrations and walkouts, with the following responsibilities and understandings:

- Involvement must not "materially disrupt" the functioning of the school and its primary purpose of teaching and learning
    - Per Jeffco Policy JK, "material and substantial disruption" may result in disciplinary consequences.
    - "Material and substantial disruption" means "initiated, willful, and overt on the part of the student and which is considered, in the view of the principal or designee, to cause a serious interference with the orderly operation of the school or the school's ability to provide educational opportunities to the student or others or is considered to be detrimental to the welfare or safety of others"
- Student participation in demonstrations are *most* protected outside of school hours and off of school grounds
- Mandatory attendance laws still apply; hence, student demonstrations and walkouts during the school day constitute an unexcused absence
- An unexcused absence due to a demonstration or a walkout is treated the same as any other unexcused absence in terms of disciplinary consequences, academic consequences, and responsibilities for making up the work and learning
    - Students have the right to access the learning from an unexcused absence
    - Parents reserve the right to call in an absence as "excused"