



Nov. 16, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of an event that occurred at school this morning. At about 9:30 a.m., a number of students at Central, and two other high schools, participated in a walkout. Media attended this event, and participating students may appear in news coverage. The event was peaceful and our school day continued as scheduled after the protest concluded.

The CBE recognizes the role of public schools in creating a stronger democracy and the right of students to advocate for important causes. While we support student voice and engagement, parents/guardians should be aware that this student walkout was not a CBE-sanctioned event. We did not encourage participation, nor did we prevent students from walking out or re-entering the school at the end of the protest.

Student safety and a healthy, respectful school environment is critically important to the CBE. We want to reassure you that we do have a process for working with families and students to address student concerns. We take these matters seriously and where required, we also support students and families to work with CPS.

I want you to know that I took the opportunity to stand outside with the students while they were protesting. While out there, I spoke to a number of them and as always, I was impressed with the thoughtfulness and passion of our students. A number of them have agreed to join our Principal's Advisory Council and I am confident that their contributions will help us make some important changes here at Central Memorial in regard to how we support and educate our students around these challenging issues.

The CBE has clear and strong expectations for all members of our school communities to support welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and work environments. These are outlined in [AR6031](#), the [CBE Student Code of Conduct](#), our progressive discipline practices and a number of other CBE Administrative Regulations.

If you or your child have any concerns or questions, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

Gord Baldwin  
Principal