



September 20, 2023

Good Evening Great Oak Students and Families,

In an effort to partner with our GOHS families, we wanted to send a communication regarding some recent activity that has occurred on social media regarding a student-led protest that, according to a flier, is set to occur on Friday, September 22, 2023 during our intervention period. Some students began circulating this information last week in a response to some updated policies and regulations that were recently approved by the TVUSD Governing Board. Site leadership has met with a few student leaders to gain further insight regarding the plan for a potential walkout. Our most current information from student leaders suggests that there is a small group of students planning to participate but there are ongoing considerations by students as to whether they will in fact follow through with participation on Friday.

TVUSD and Great Oak High School have a Safety Plan developed many years ago and updated annually to keep students safe in the event they organize an activity like a Protest or walkout. A few reminders for students and parents:

- **TVUSD and GOHS do not support or endorse student walkouts. Our number one priority is a consistent focus on teaching and learning while keeping students safe. The safest place our students can be between 8:30 and 3:30 everyday is in a classroom.**
- If a student leaves their classroom to participate in a walkout, they will be marked Truant. Staff will utilize both Infinite Campus and the 5 Star application to track student movement and assign accurate attendance.
- Single period Truancies will result in progressive discipline per our [GOHS Student Handbook](#).

PARENT SUPPORT: We want to stress that we discourage students from leaving campus whenever possible during instructional time for safety purposes. However, we also recognize that each family will engage in conversations with their own students about these issues. As a reminder, there are other ways that students can participate in the democratic process and have their important individual voices heard without walking out of class or leaving campus and potentially putting themselves in danger. Thank you in advance for discussing these issues with your student as needed.

Kind Regards,
GOHS Administration