

February 9th, 2022

Dear SEL Parents,

In light of a student walk-out that took place yesterday at Brush High School, which emerged due to allegations of harassment, we wanted to share a summary of what transpired, the actions being taken by the SEL Schools to address the matter, and to acknowledge the student voice that we all heard. ***To be clear, the SEL Schools has absolutely zero tolerance for harassment of any type, period.*** There is an active investigation being conducted by Assistant Superintendent Melissa Thompson.

In response, the district will facilitate the creation of a Student Advocacy Council, to provide students with a safe space to share their voice and pressing concerns.

It is important for students to know how and who they can communicate their concerns and claims to so that they feel safe and heard. I will be working with district leadership and community partners to help facilitate a forum for students and their parents to gain an understanding of the process and the support that is available to them.

Once again, ***the SEL Schools is unequivocally committed to a harassment-free staff and student culture and will investigate this matter to the fullest extent to ensure that this standard is upheld.*** We are listening to the student voice that was communicated yesterday and taking appropriate steps to turn this voice, into meaningful action. This investigation, however, is currently ongoing and we ask for your patience as we make every effort to investigate these claims in an accurate, fair, and comprehensive manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda N. Reid  
Superintendent of Schools