OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Okaloosa County School District is committed to maintaining a safe, orderly, and focused learning environment for all students. In light of recent statewide guidance that we received from the Florida Commissioner of Education, we want to share our expectations regarding student safety, supervision, and the protection of instructional time.

Our schools remain focused on providing a safe, supportive environment centered on teaching and learning. Each day, our staff works to ensure students are safe, engaged in instruction, and properly supervised. During the school day, employees are required to remain neutral on political issues and may not encourage or support student protest activity, walkouts, or any actions that disrupt instruction. If questions arise during class, employees may provide neutral, factual information that aligns with the curriculum and refer students to the school administration for further clarification.

Students who leave class or disrupt the school day without permission may face disciplinary consequences in accordance with district policy. Should protest activity occur on or near campus, our staff will prioritize student safety and ensure that school rules and district policies are enforced.

We encourage students to discuss any questions or concerns with their families, and we appreciate your continued partnership in maintaining a secure and productive learning environment for every student. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your school's administration.

Sincerely,

Marcus D. Chambers
Superintendent
Okaloosa County School District

Memorandum from Commissioner Kamoutsas