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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, School Resource Officers, Teachers
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Guidance for Possible Student Demonstrations

An event raising awareness about climate change is occurring tomorrow at various locations throughout the state, and organizers are encouraging students to leave school to attend the rallies.

The Department applauds and respects students and staff in the pursuit of causes they are passionate about and we encourage school districts to work with students to help foster civic engagement. We are also mindful of the district’s role in ensuring the safety of students, in adherence to board of education policies and regulations.

Schools should follow established policies and protocols to ensure for the appropriate care and safety of any student involved in an off-campus event.

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