

From the Office of the Principal

February 21, 2018

Dear DSA Families,

Today I learned that our students are being very proactive and planning a discussion forum for tomorrow to address issues important to their safety and well-being at school. The DSA Administration wants you to know that we fully support our student rights to free speech and fully support their efforts to have their voices heard. The administration has learned that students are using social media to ask all students to report to the Concert Hall tomorrow morning at 7:40 am. Unfortunately, we have 1,100 students and the Concert Hall only seats 288. To assist our students in having a meaningful and productive dialogue, we are going to ask that you share the following information with your students for tomorrow.

If your student chooses to participate in tomorrow's student organized forum, we are asking that students report to the following locations:

High School Students- Schomp Theater
7th & 8th Grade Students- Concert Hall
6th Grade Students- Dance Performance Hall- main floor


This would also be another opportunity for you to share with your student the following information:

1. If they see something, say something to any adult or anonymously to [Colorado's Safe2Tell hotline](#) at 1-877-542-7233.
2. If they see a stranger in the hallways without a yellow visitor's badge or DPS ID, have them tell any adult.
3. Make sure they know NOT to open an exterior door for anyone even if they know the person.

In closing, many of you have reached out with concerns on how DSA is approaching school safety. In an effort to hear your concerns, the administration will be scheduling some listening sessions over the next few weeks for parents to come and voice concerns around student safety and security.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe. Please reach out to me if you have additional concerns.

Sincerely,


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