



County Superintendent of Schools Statement March 14, 2018 Student-Driven Events

The schools' number one priority on March 14th is safety. I met with the Superintendents' Council, law enforcement, legislative representatives, county mental health and legal last week to discuss the schools' roles in the event.

It is important to remember that:

- California has some of the strictest gun laws in the country;
- Our schools are well prepared and trained for emergencies.

All were in agreement that this is a student-driven event. It provides an excellent opportunity for civic engagement and a learning opportunity for our students. Each community will be slightly different. Public employees should remain politically neutral while on the job, keeping the common focus on safety for all.

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