## **Edsel Ford High School**



for

Life

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Greetings Parents,

Today, after the second hour, some of our students wanted to stand in solidarity with the Lebanese and Palestinian people. Students peacefully walked out of the building and gathered in front of the building in the courtyard.

As a school, we never encourage students to walk out during instructional time. However, we also want to respect our students' right to express themselves. Students who did not attend class(es) will be marked absent. Teaching and learning continued for all others and it was business as usual.

Our students were respectful, calm, and supportive of one another. They were outside of the building for the third hour. Our administration and support staff were present outside with the students along with police presence. After third period, students came back into the building and went to lunch or their fourth hour class.

Please be reassured that we take the safety of our students as high priority at Edsel Ford High School. We made sure students assembled in a safe manner, had the Dearborn Police present, and several staff to support student safety.

As a reminder to all students and families, we continue our efforts to remind staff of all the resources we have to help manage grief and trauma. For students, our counselors, social workers, and school psychologists are committed to providing any on-site support as needed. In addition, we welcome our community to visit our <u>SEL page linked on our Dearborn Public Schools Website</u> where you will find additional resources that can be used to help your child get through this challenging time.

In addition, we have a comprehensive school safety plan in place and are always reviewing and updating all safety measures.

Always feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Principal Hassan Edsel Ford High School