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Subject: Re: Walk Out for Palestine on 11/7/23

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for emailing me. Wednesday, 11/8/23 I will be out of the office at an all-day meeting and unable to meet with you. I have copied Mr. Haynes, Assistant Principal, to meet with you. **I am proud that the Muslim Student Association has made a collective decision of support.** Please make plans to see Mr. Haynes regarding plans for the Walk Out. Please be aware that such a serious topic is important to many students, staff, and community and it will be our responsibility to inform our community. While I know our staff, students and community are diverse in race and culture, we are also diverse in our positions within this ongoing conflict. It will be important to be cognizant of diverse viewpoints and sensitive to our students, staff, and community that are directly impacted. When meeting with Mr. Haynes or other members of the administrative team they will help plan the event with this in mind. I will see you on Thursday.

Take care,
Edward

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Good evening Mr. Owusu,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out to you on behalf of the Muslim Student Association at Clarksburg. As you are aware, the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been a point of concern for many students, including students at Clarksburg. As a result, the national Palestinian Youth Movement has organized "Shut it Down for Palestine" on Thursday, November 9th. This event calls for all students to walk out of school, employees to walk out from work, and to protest the Israeli and US government. Clarksburg's MSA is in unequivocal support for a ceasefire and would like to walk out this Thursday to demonstrate that stance. As Americans, it is our right to protest and we would like to do so in a manner that complies with school rules. Similar to the walk out SGA held against Gun Violence, we plan on having student speakers, an open letter + petition to Congress, and contact local news.

We would like to meet with you as soon as possible, in person or virtually, to further discuss our walk out and hope we can come to an agreement on how to proceed. Respectfully, it is highly likely that students will be participating in "Shut it Down" regardless of whether it's approved or endorsed by the school.

Please let us know when you are available to meet in order to further discuss our walk out. I sincerely apologize for the short notice, and hope we can work quickly to get this done.

Thank you,

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