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Interim Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

For the second time in a few short weeks, our students will have the opportunity to see history in the making. As you may be aware, there have been calls for a national boycott on Monday, May 1. **We at the Sweetwater Union High School District are asking that you send your students to school that day.**

While we respect every person's right to free speech, we feel the best way for students to honor their immigrant ancestors is to get the best education possible. More importantly May 1 is in the middle of your student's state testing schedule. Students will be taking high-stakes tests that measure the academic achievement at each school, and compares your school to other schools in the state. May 1 is also testing for students taking the Advanced Placement exams. **There are no make up opportunities for Advanced Placement exams.**

Always looking for "teachable moments," our middle schools and high schools have different activities planned for May 1 to allow students their chance to be heard and to share ideas. Some schools are holding rallies *after* school. Others are providing websites to teachers to provide questions to stimulate student's response in writing.

In our nation, the greatest predictor of earnings potential is the level of education one achieves. College graduates are predicted to earn \$1 million more over their lifetime, compared with high school graduates.

Thank you again for your support of your child or children, and of our teachers, administrators and schools. We at Sweetwater know that the successful achievement of our students depends on the quality of the partnership we have with our parents.

Sincerely,

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