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Dear BCPS Students, Staff, and Families:

Our hearts remain with you during this difficult time. As we continue to help facilitate the recovery process, we know that students, staff, and families are still expressing their hurt, anger, disbelief and a plethora of other emotions.

As we approach the upcoming Spring Break (March 26-30), Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is committed to continue to provide support for our students and families during the break.

The following programs and opportunities will be available during Spring Break:

- The Broward County Resiliency Center (BCRC) located at Pine Trails Park, will continue to operate and offer grief counseling for students, staff, parents and community members. Support groups have been added to provide additional support. Individuals may walk in for services, but anyone interested in attending one of the support groups must call **754-321-1590** to reserve a space. All services offered are free of charge and conducted by BCPS mental health staff or community providers. **Please be advised the BCRC will be closed on March 24, 2018, and March 30 – April 1, 2018.**
- Trauma counseling will also be available through providers of the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (*Kids in Distress, Henderson Behavioral Health, Memorial Healthcare System, Smith Community Mental Health, Banyan and Chrysalis*). Henderson Behavioral Health also offers Youth Emergency Services.

Please see the attached flyers and brochures for additional information about the services that will continue to be provided during Spring Break.

Additionally, online resources such as "Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers," may be helpful for both parents and teachers. Crisis support information is also available on the District website, browardschools.com/crisissupport.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work collaboratively to provide assistance to all Marjory Stoneman Douglas stakeholders affected by this tragedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Runcie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Runcie" clearly legible.

Robert Runcie
Superintendent

Attachment