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## **“ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!” - U.S.** **students unite to stop gun violence**

**3,000 schools in the U.S. and across the world join the protest. Thousands of students gathered in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue.**

**The ENOUGH walkout was planned to begin at 10:00 am (14:00 GMT) and was to last for 17 minutes for the 17 people whose lives were lost.**



Florence, a student from Stoneman Douglas High School, who joined the protest said, “There were lots of emotions, many people were crying. We were thinking of the 17 people we lost.”



By 7:50 am, students started to meet up at their schools. They then went to the train station on their way to Pennsylvania Avenue. They arrived at about 8:50 am at the venue and walked towards the front of the White House. While walking, students were chanting: *“ENOUGH IS ENOUGH”*, *“What do we want? Gun control! When do we want it? Now!”*, *“Never Again!”*. By 10:00 am, the place was filled with silence.



“It just shows that we’re motivated and we’re gonna be here until this issue is finally fixed, when people my age aren’t killed in classrooms and when people that have to go to school in fear are being killed.” - Daniel, a student who is leading from Richard Montgomery High School.

After the protest, president Donald Trump tweeted: “Today the House took major steps toward securing our schools by passing the STOP School Violence Act. We must put the safety of America’s children FIRST by improving training and giving schools and law enforcement better tools. A tragedy like Parkland can’t happen ever again!”

However, many people are very concerned about Donald Trump’s decision to encourage teachers to be trained and armed in preparation for any attack. Young people will continue to appeal for the change in the gun laws to get rid of guns from society.