Dear Regis Community,

Wednesday, March 14, will mark one month since 17 students and teachers were murdered at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Organizers of the Women’s March Youth EMPOWER are calling for students, teachers, school administrators, parents and allies to take part in a #NationalSchoolWalkout for 17 minutes at 10 a.m. Wednesday across every time zone as a call to Congress and state legislatures to take meaningful action to prevent gun violence.

Regis University students, faculty and staff may choose to participate in the walkout without fear of being penalized. While we typically resist interruption to the academic experience, ending the horrific mass killings in our schools is a cause we all are called to support. We believe the purpose of the #NationalSchoolWalkout is just and vital to our own efforts to maintain a safe educational environment.

We are poised at a unique cultural and historical moment that young people around the country and in our own community have courageously seized. Many of our students are joining other students and young people around the nation to create meaningful change to ensure their own safety. It is important that we are all in this together.

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