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EDITORIAL

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

This country will never make any progress in the gun control debate if our legislators continue to prioritize dollars over American lives.

Public schools play an integral part in giving young people the tools they need to be successful and make educated decisions regarding their lives and futures.

Clearly, gun violence presents a huge problem if students cannot even go to school without the fear of being shot in their seats.

Though our country possesses a blood-speckled history of school shootings, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting seems to be the last straw for young people tired of wondering if this day in class will be their last.

The editorial staff of *The*

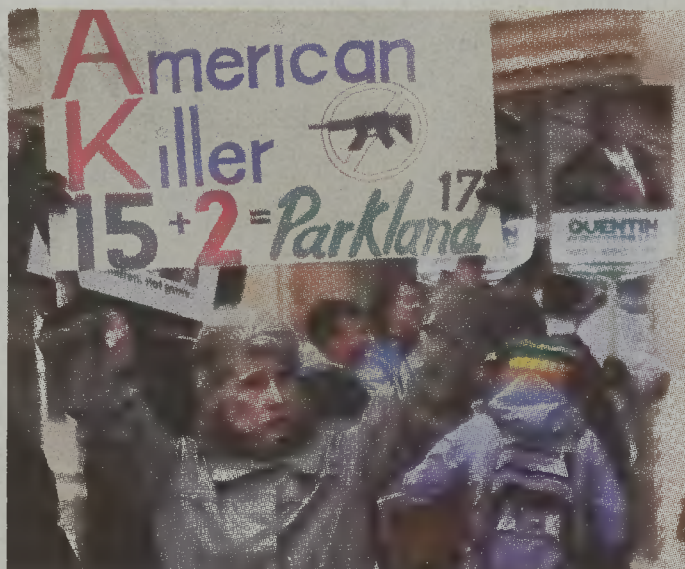
Blue Banner admires the strength and passion of these teenagers who created March For Our Lives and stands behind their mission.

Guns have no place in the classroom and the answer does not lie in equipping teachers or school security guards with these weapons either.

We cannot let our society fall even further into a dystopian reality, where guns are countered with more guns and fears are merely heard but never answered, validated or assuaged.

Now is as good a time as any to have our voices heard by the politicians supposed to represent us.

We will continue to follow the lead of these courageous young people and continue chanting "Enough is enough."



March participant holds a sign protesting recent school shooting and advocating gun control.