





lack of action made by government. They have chosen to speak up for themselves.

Jeff Watkins is a father of two, and married to a high school teacher in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

“I am really encouraged by what high schoolers are doing. I’m really hoping this could be a turning point,” said Watkins.

Since the shooting on Valentines day, there have been

nationwide plans for protests. Students are all working together to make a difference. The three nationwide protests that have been planned as of now are on March 14, March 24, and April 20th.

On March 14, students will all walk out of school at 10 am. They can gather anywhere outside of the school building, where they will peacefully protest. The walk-out will last 17 minutes for the 17 lives lost at Parkland, Florida.

10 days later, on March 24 the nationwide “March for our lives” will take place. This march is originally based in Washington, DC but rallies in communities across the nation will be taking a stand.

April 20th will be the 19th anniversary of the Columbine Shooting that took place in Jefferson County, Colorado. Students all across the United States will be walking out of class at 10 am. Once again, they will gather outside of their school building and take a stand for gun violence.

The importance of students in every community taking part in these protests is immeasurable.

Connor McCage is a student at Clarke Central High school, in Athens, Georgia.

“It starts at the community level, because if the government isn’t going to do anything, at least we can have a strong community,” McCage says in regards to the importance of his high schools participation in the upcoming protests.

“The gun fires the bullet, but the person pulls the trigger,” says Robbie McCurdy, a student at Oxford High School in Oxford, Mississippi.

Students have caught wind of these national protest from various sources on social media.

“There was one last week in our town in Oxford. There were a lot of people that marched at the town hall,” Said Charlie Zediker

Saturday, March 3rd, a local rally was held at the capitol building in Columbia, South Carolina. The “Protect our School Children” rally against gun violence was held in hopes to spread awareness for the harm guns have brought into schools.

“I’m just a concerned citizen. Concerned about gun violence in our schools. We want to protect our children,” said James Gansrow.

Gansrow is a father and an organizer of the “Protect our School Children” rally.

“We all have a right to speak, that’s how we have a pure understanding of where we are coming from. In this country now you have just the opposite. We have, if you think and believe a certain way than I cant agree with you. Well that’s not America, that’s not the United states. We don’t have to agree, but we should be able to listen to each other.”



