CESJDS Upper School Students Participate in the National School Walkout

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ROCKVILLE, Md. (PRWEB) March 15, 2018 -- Middle and high school students at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School (CESJDS) participated with thousands of their peers across the United States in a Walkout from classes to demand legislative action in response to the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida. The students spent 17 minutes outside their classrooms sharing their voices and memorializing the victims of the Parkland shooting.

As a pluralistic Jewish educational institution, CESJDS recognizes that there are different opinions among our students about the paths to achieving school safety, and on this day, all perspectives were embraced. Students were given the option to go to designated locations outside, or remain inside.

“We walked out, along with hundreds of thousands of other students across the country, to encourage advocacy, and serious change in legislation to create a positive difference in our society,” said 11th Grader Jacob Cannon, who participated in the walkout and addressed his peers.

For students who wished to participate in organized marches, or demonstrations at locations outside of CESJDS, a parent note was required in order to be excused.

“The students respectfully and in an organized way shared their opinions, demanded that Congress take legislative action to ensure their safety in schools and memorialized the victims from the Parkland school,” said Head of School Rabbi Mitchel Malkus. "I was impressed with the thoughtful way they conducted themselves.”

About CESJDS
CESJDS is the largest JK-12 independent Jewish day school in North America. Our mission is to engage students in an outstanding and inspiring general and Judaic education. CESJDS achieves academic excellence through an integrated curriculum, anchored in Jewish values. www.cesjds.org.
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