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MAYOR'S STATEMENT PARKLAND FLORIDA VIOLENCE

Once again this evening I am extending the condolences of our City to a community devastated by violence. We mourn with Parkland Florida and we stand with students in demanding action.

I am working with Superintendent Williams and Police Chief McQuiston to learn what we are currently doing to protect our students and our community and what else we can do both locally and regionally.

I will continue to voice encouragement and support for those who advocate for thoughtful and meaningful reforms and fight against those who aim to further destroy our communities. To this end, I have joined Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a part of Everytown for Gun Safety.

Albany is not immune to these events and we will not tolerate violence against our community. Many in our community are working hard to foster an equitable and inclusive school environment, but there is more work to be done. We must continue our efforts promoting social justice and affirming a welcoming and supportive environment in our entire community.

We are hearing from brave and articulate students in Florida demanding action. We must find hope through these young people who are turning their anguish into action. History shows us it is the youth who have successfully brought about change in this country through antiwar, Black Lives Matter and Me Too movements among others. Let us join with them and work to keep the promise, Never Again MSD.

We must empower people who share our values and reject those who do not. We must meet this challenge with courage and through the acceptance of our own personal responsibility to end this madness, we will bring honor to all who have been murdered.

We will adjourn our meeting tonight in memory of those killed in Parkland Florida.