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**Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Students Participate
In the March for Our Lives Protest**

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Boston, MA. – On Saturday, March 24th Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy (DLA) students participated in the nationwide *March for Our Lives* demonstration that called for an end to gun violence. Sixteen (16) DLA students and alumni joined other students across the nation demanding gun law reform.

The *March for Our Lives* was organized by the survivors of the Parkland High School shooting, and took place in major cities across the nation, including New York, Washington D.C. and Chicago. DLA students marched in solidarity to show support for the Parkland victims and to bring awareness to gun violence that has plagued our nation, including inner-city communities in Boston.

DLA students made signs that displayed the messages, *Books Not Bullets* and *No More Silence End Gun Violence*, to reinforce the demand for stricter gun-control laws.

Mr. Arturo Forrest, the principal of Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy said, “I am so proud of our scholars. Our students that participated in the *March for Our Lives* experienced a hands-on lesson in civics as they were exercising their first amendment rights. It was a teachable moment to the power of organizing and how activism sparks change.”

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