

## **RCDP Statement on MSU Mass Shooting: The Kids are NOT Alright**

*Riverside, CA— 02/14/2023* — Today, on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School mass shooting in Parkland, FL, where 17 children were massacred and 17 others injured in the attempt to murder them, we are once again reeling from yet another school shooting.

This latest atrocity, on the campus of Michigan State University, happened last night, February 13, 2023, and left 3 MSU students dead, another 5 critically injured. A survivor of the Sandy Hook shooting, Jackie Matthews, posted a TikTok video which recognized their tragic anniversary 10 years and 2 months ago as she survived last night's shooting at MSU. Another school shooting survivor, Emma Riddle, from one of Michigan's worst school shootings in history (Oxford High School in 2021), tweeted that she was crouched under a desk at MSU during last night's shooting, texting "I love you" to everyone she cared about.

The kids are definitely **not** alright. They are under assault every day. Already in 2023, there have been 67 mass shootings in 45 days. There have been 35 people killed or wounded by gunfire on K-12 school property so far. Let those statistics sink in. Yet the focus of Republicans, rather than banning assault weapons, has been banning books and the teaching of actual history.

What are these extremists' priorities? They ban abortions to ostensibly "save the children", then let the Second Amendment fanatics do the dirty work of murdering them once they're born and in school? Family values? I think not. "Good guy with a gun?" A pipe dream, brandished, as if to make all the death and grief go away.

But it won't go away until we act. The time for waiting for the "right time" has passed us by years ago. There's only time for one thing now: We must all take action on behalf of the living children going to our schools now so that one day, they might actually live to see graduation.

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