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POLITICIANS TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE, BUT THE PUBLIC WANTS MORE

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As the bodies pile up in Miami, the activism and voices get louder. Tuesday morning, students at Miami Northwestern Senior High School left their classrooms to walk to Liberty Square public housing project, the place where two of their former classmates were gunned down on Sunday.

The walkout is a response to the ongoing gun violence in the community, the latest that left 17-year-old Kimson Green, a sophomore, and 18-year-old Rickey Dixon, a former student dead.

Emely Batista, a 10th grader at Northwestern, said she was looking for Kimson to walk into her eighth period English class on Monday. He used to visit her classroom, she said.

"I just kept looking at the door and the clock, but I realized that he wasn't going to walk in, that made me just ..." she said, as she broke down into tears.

Kimson and Dixon's shooting deaths came on the heels of the death of 4-year-old Nyla Jones on March 31, shot in front of her mother by her uncle, in the same housing project.

The violence is part of an ongoing pattern in local communities across the county that tears families apart and has elected officials and public volunteers holding conversations on how to stem

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