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Scholars at Arlington Conducted Successful Quiet Walk-Out

(February 23, 2018 – Fairburn, GA) In the wake of the violence in Parkland, Florida and across the nation, middle and high school scholars at Arlington Christian School conducted a successful quiet walk-out today. The purpose of the walk-out was twofold: (1) address the gun violence issues that are rampant in our country and our schools, and (2) draw attention to the need for gun law reform in the state of Georgia and all other states in our country. Although the walk-out was completely voluntary, there was more than 95% participation.

Prior to the walk-out, some of the scholars presented speeches before their peers, faculty, staff, administration, and some parents. Those presenting speeches were 9th grader Noah Nelson; 10th graders Christian Storey, Zaria Blount, Robert Adams, and Kendri Moore; along with 11th grader Mia Bush. The names and ages of each of the victims from the Parkland, Florida atrocity were called. As each name was called, the scholars stood. This was especially touching because it brought to the forefront the very reality that it could have been any of those in attendance at Arlington. After the speeches and acknowledgement of the victims, the scholars proceeded with the walk-out, many of them bearing signs of peaceful protest.

This event mirrors the perspective shown by the national “March for Our Lives” movement, wherein kids and families will take to the streets of Washington, DC on March 24, 2018 to demand that their lives and safety become a priority. Local marches will be held across the country in individual communities for those who are unable to come to Washington.

Arlington’s quiet walk-out was sparked by a lesson learned in Mrs. Shay Lewis’ History class. “We were discussing current events, and the scholars expressed some serious concerns about the many violent acts that have taken place at schools across the country. The situation in Parkland, Florida was especially riveting.” Arlington’s Head of School, Dr. Vanessa Johnson added, “Many of our scholars have expressed a need to be pro-active in the wake of all that has transpired. This speaks volumes to not only their maturity, but also to their understanding of the importance of their voice and their right to address pertinent issues that ultimately affect all of our lives. Indeed, we are proud of the stand they are taking.”

Founded in 1959, Arlington Christian School (ACS) is a private institution that is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), now known as AdvanceEd. The School is also accredited through the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC). It is the mission of ACS to help children grow as Jesus did “in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man,” according to Luke 2:52. Since its inception, ACS has graduated exceptional scholars who perpetuate the Arlington legacy all across the nation as an institution that provides quality education in a Christian environment. ACS is registered with the IRS as 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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