



The rally is being sponsored Protect Minnesota's student caucus, Students Protect Minnesota. Protect Minnesota is a nonprofit organization that works toward reducing gun violence while respecting the Second Amendment.

Speakers at the event will include Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School senior Aalayah Eastmond from Parkland, Florida; state Rep. Erin Murphy (DFL-St. Paul) and state Sen. Steve Cwodzinski (DFL-Eden Prairie).

Also speaking will be student leaders, including Chanhassen High School senior Braden Johnson, Eden Prairie High School junior Sydney Lewis and University of Minnesota sophomore Austen Berger from New Hope. Community speakers include Joyce Hayden who lost her daughter Taylor to gun violence, MicroGrants CEO and north Minneapolis gun violence prevention activist Don Samuels and Protect Minnesota Executive Director Nancy Nord Bence.

The rally will feature voter registration, information and candidate booths, food trucks and live music from The Carnegies, The Daisy Dillman Band, Paul Metsa Acoustic Quartet with Wee Willie Walker, Southwest High School's Daisy Forester and Royals Smith.

Participants are encouraged to make use of two park-and-ride locations because there will be limited street parking available in Excelsior. The locations are Ridgedale Shopping Center, 12401 Wayzata Blvd., Minnetonka in the back of the west parking lot north of Firestone, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie, in the west parking lot. The buses will run continuously from noon to 5 p.m.

To stay up to date on the event, follow Protect Minnesota on Facebook and Twitter or text "orange" to 474747 for text updates. Follow the event on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/events/241609289871033](https://www.facebook.com/events/241609289871033).

Volunteers are needed for the rally. Go to [protectmn.org](https://protectmn.org) to register.

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