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Students at Belchertown High School sold White Ribbon Campaign

Men of all ages will wear white ribbons Thursday and take the White Ribbon Pledge



BELCHERTOWN, Mass. (WWLP) – On Thursday, during their lunch, students at Belchertown High School had to chance to say “no” to violence against women.

Dozens of kids signed their name to a pledge banner. By doing so, they promised not to commit, condone or stay silent toward acts of violence against women and girls.

After signing the pledge, they could buy a white ribbon to physically show their support. All the money raised from those ribbons was donated to “Safe Passage,” a women’s shelter in Northampton.

Virginia Bilz, an advisor for S.A.D.D., told 22News, “We are relatively lucky that on the whole, women are treated well in the Unites States, but there are places in the world where women are treated very differently. Women are treated as property. They can be beaten for doing the wrong thing. They can be sold into marriage.”

Belchertown High School's S.A.D.D. group, or Students Against Destructive Decisions, organized the white ribbon day. The day was started by a group of men after the murder of 14 women in Canada.

The White Ribbon Pledge:

From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence."