

THE ALLIANCE TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS

Walk In! **For The Public Schools ALL Our Students Deserve** **May 4, 2016**

On Wednesday, May 4, join the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools and tens of thousands of educators, students, parents and community allies as we mobilize across the country to send a powerful message about our vision for the future of public education.

More than 40,000 people participated in our walk-ins at 838 schools in 30 cities on Feb. 17 to advocate for the public schools ALL our students deserve. On May 4, we will increase those numbers and build our movement for educational justice.

What are Walk-Ins?

During walk-ins, parents, educators and students, along with media members and other invited guests, gather in front of their school 30-45 minutes before the school schedule begins. They rally and listen to a few speakers discuss what they want for the school, and then everyone walks into the school together.

Walk-ins can be used to celebrate your school, collaborate with school officials, or protest harmful school conditions and policies.

Walk-ins are positive actions that show lawmakers and others that these are our schools and our communities. They build solidarity among our members and allies as they feel the power of collective action without risking retaliation. Walk-ins build relationships.

Walk-ins build power. Walk-ins build hope.

National Message/ Local Flavor

On May 4, our walk-ins will convey a similar message:

Parents, educators and students are walking in to reclaim our schools and advocate for the public schools ALL our students deserve.

Each individual city will also have its own local focus, such as sustainable community schools, less standardized testing, or more funding. In each city, labor and community partners can tailor the walk-ins to address their schools' most important issues.

Will you join us? For more information, check out www.reclaimourschools.org and visit the "resources" page, or email Eric Zachary at ezachary@aft.org.