



OUR CITY, OUR SCHOOLS!

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED RESOURCES AND STABILITY - NOT "RECEIVERSHIP"

Right now, the Baker administration is threatening to impose a destabilizing takeover on Boston Public Schools. Parents, educators, and students are fighting back because we know this is another distraction from winning the resources and changes our public schools need to succeed.

Across the United States, state takeovers have proven to be destabilizing, unsustainable, and dangerous for the future of children and students.

Boston parents, educators, and students are saying:

- NO to state receivership
- NO to state "disempowerment" zones
- NO to top-down state interventions that ignore local voices

We are saying YES to:

- Resources that help achieve the schools our students deserve, particularly for our Special Education and EL students.
- The new Boston Public Schools strategic plan, formed with community input, that prioritizes equity, social-emotional supports for students, and targeted support for the schools that need it most.
- Increased funding for public schools above and beyond the funds recently secured through the Student Opportunity Act (SOA), including full funding for the low-income portion of SOA.
- Investments to update our buildings for the 21st century.
- State funding for Hub community schools with wraparound services for students.

SIGN THE PETITION AND GET INVOLVED AT: [BTU.Org/OurCityOurSchools](https://btu.org/ourcityourschools)

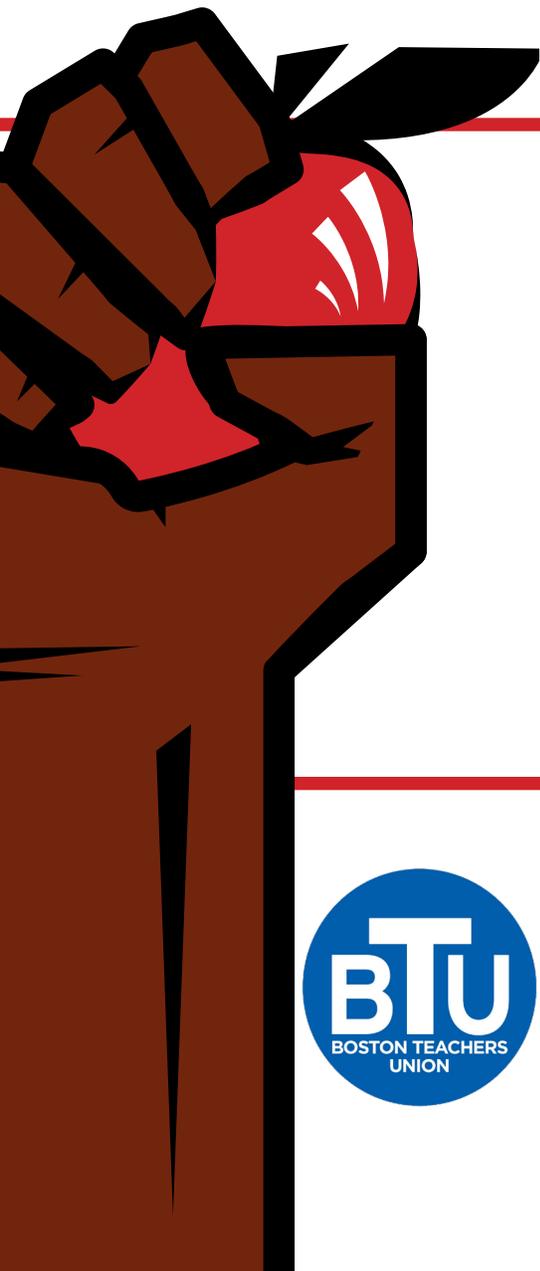
**Together, we can create the schools
our students deserve.**

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We know the way to make our schools stronger is to empower communities with resources and stability, not to impose a failed corporate takeover agenda that is disastrous for cities across the country.

What happens when the state intervenes with receivership?

- The community is destabilized, often experiencing a reduction in number of educators of color and increase in fewer experienced educators for students to learn from. Receivership proponents target black and brown communities.
- Funds come in for a short amount of time, when they leave student performance goes back down. This is not a sustainable solution.
- Corporate privatizers benefit, students don't. That's why some groups that are funded by big corporations, support state takeovers – it's also a pattern of dismissing true stakeholder voices while asserting that corporate privatizers know better.



What can I do?

1. Visit [BTU.org/OurCityOurSchools](https://www.btu.org/OurCityOurSchools) to sign the petition.
2. Save the date of **Tuesday, March 31** to tell the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education board that you support stability and resources, not receivership for our city and our schools.
3. For more information, or to discuss organizational endorsements of the “Our City, Our Schools” campaign, contact Khalida Smalls at ksmall@btu.org.



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