

# FIGHTING FOR FULLY FUNDED SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

We demand a safe, scientific, racially just and fully funded approach to reopening schools.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 5-7 P.M.





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# BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR THE SAFE AND EQUITABLE REOPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS

e are a national collective of students, parents, educators, and community members for the safe and equitable reopening of schools. Stay tuned for details on our National Day of Resistance in a city nearest you on August 3, 2020. For more information, please email august3andbeyond@gmail.com

## **PURPOSES**

- To use this movement moment to unite students, educators, parents and community to advance a racial justice agenda in public education, in particular by organizing for police-free schools
- 2. To galvanize a strong and growing student/educator/ parent/community voice that the government must go much further to provide the resources to ensure a safe and equitable school reopening and must provide for our communities and working families through transformational Common Good demands

### **MESSAGES**

"We demand a safe, scientific, racially just and fully funded approach to reopening schools."

National: "Equity Or Else" and "Police Free Schools" in the context of re-opening. In particular, we will not reopen without appropriate resources, adherence to science and racial justice for our school communities.

Local: The above as foundations, with more built on to reflect local needs.

# **DEMANDS**

- 1. No reopening until the scientific data supports it
- 2. Police-free schools

- All schools must be supported to function as community schools with adequate numbers of counselors and nurses and community/parent outreach workers
- 4. Safe conditions including lower class sizes, PPE, cleaning, testing, and other key protocols
- 5. Equitable access to online learning
- Support for our communities and families, including moratorium on evictions/foreclosures, providing direct cash assistance to those not able to work or who are unemployed, and other critical social needs
- 7. Moratorium on new charter or voucher programs and standardized testing
- 8. Massive infusion of federal money to support the reopening funded by taxing the billionaires and Wall Street

### **TACTICS AND TARGETS**

- Sign-on national letter to Trump, Biden and Congressional leaders outlining our demands as outlined above for re-opening
- Local actions on August 3rd in as many cities/areas as possible, all focused on re-opening conditions/ demands, with local discretion on political and corporate/revenue targets,
- 3. Work with Journey for Justice and other groups to organize escalating actions in cities ready to escalate their tactics, i.e. occupy city hall, take over city property for homeless students, bank occupations, marches and car caravans.

### **JOIN US ON AUGUST 3RD**

For more information, contact august3andbeyond@gmail.com and go to landing page.

ENDORSERS: Chicago Teachers Union, Boston Teachers Union, United Teachers of LA, Journey For Justice, Center for Popular Democracy, St. Paul Federation of Educators, Midwest Academy, Milwaukee Teachers Education Association, National Educators United, Racine Educators United, Little Rock Education Association, Oakland Education Association