



We are students, parents, teachers and concerned community members committed to building a stronger and better public school system that is driven by community voices.

## **The Schools Our Communities Deserve:**

### **▪ Less Testing, More Learning**

High stakes testing such as PARCC and MCAS severely limits curriculum, shutting out opportunities for art, music, history, to name a few. It creates a culture of fear and compliance for both students and teachers, punishing schools if they miss the mark. It is designed for 'failure' that disproportionately impacts students of color and feeds the school to prison pipeline. We need to bring back joy and curiosity in our schools, not just filling in bubbles.

### **▪ Full and Equitable Funding for all schools- don't close them!**

Our schools are falling apart--we see classrooms without books, schools without libraries, many more students with ELL and special learning needs, but not enough funding to support them. Our city and state should find and raise funds so that all students have the full opportunities of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education.

### **▪ Building Parent, Student and Community Power**

Strong schools involve and serve the communities they're in. Our district should be responsive and inclusive to community needs such as translation supports and full wraparound social services in schools. Too often decisions affecting our schools are made without genuine community input or understanding. Engaging parents, students and teachers we're going to change this!

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