

THE ALLIANCE TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS

WALK IN! FOR THE SCHOOLS ALL OUR CHILDREN DESERVE OCTOBER 6, 2016

The Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools (AROS) is linking together parents, educators, students, school staff and community members in dozens of cities across the country on October 6th as they WALK IN to support the quality public schools that all our students deserve.

Our first nationally coordinated WALK-IN took place on February 17th and brought out over 35,000 participants at over 800 schools in 31 cities. In October, teachers, parents and students will walk in to schools in over 200 cities.

What are Walk Ins?

Just that! Parents, Teachers and students gather out front of their school 30-45 minutes before their duty-day starts. They picket, have donuts, coffee, etc.. And then they all Walk-In together.

Given the never ending attacks on public education that many of our cities endure, this provides a *positive* action that says that these are *our* schools and *our* communities. It also builds solidarity amongst our members as they will feel the *power of collective action*.

In October, our walk-ins will have more specific demands, for the first time. Each district—each school planning team can decide how to link the walk-in to their local context. But together, we are lifting up five common demands:

National Message/ Local Flavor

The Walk-Ins will have a national message frame something like this:

Teachers, Parents and students are walking in to reclaim our schools and advocate for the public schools all children deserve.

But each individual city will have its own local focus or flavor. In Milwaukee, folks are fighting against the takeover and chartering of their schools. In San Diego the focus is opting out of high stakes tests. In Seattle, they're fighting for more funding. In your city, your coalition of labor and community partners will tailor your walk-in to the issue that is right for you. In Georgia, it is a great opportunity to speak out against the proposed Opportunity School District!

What cities are already committed to walk-ins in October?

Los Angeles
Chicago
Milwaukee
San Diego
Seattle
Austin
Dallas
Camden
Newark
...and more!!

Baltimore
Pittsburgh
Grand Junction
St. Paul
Pueblo (CO)
Boulder
Green Bay
LaCrosse
Racine

Hazelwood (MO)
Cleveland Heights
Kalamazoo
Paterson (NJ)
Peoria (IL)
Solon Springs (WI)
Tomah (WI)
Houston
Cincinnati

Is your city on this list? If not, you can put it there!

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