

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

The Trump/DeVos Agenda will Devastate Our Public Schools

President Donald Trump and his Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, are proposing over \$10 billion in cuts to the U.S. Department of Education, along with over \$1 billion (so far) in new funding for charter schools & voucher programs.

THEY WANT ...CUTS:

TO TITLE I FUNDING—that supports schools with significant populations of disadvantaged students—by \$500,000.

THAT ELIMINATE nearly \$2 billion in programs that support after-school programs, community schools, arts programming in low-income schools, and more.

THAT ELIMINATE \$400 million that help districts address school climate, fund anti-bullying programs, provide school-based mental health services and counseling, reduce the use of exclusionary discipline and promote supportive school discipline programs.

...MORE MONEY FOR PRIVATE AND PRIVATELY-RUN CHARTER SCHOOLS:

BY ADDING \$1 billion in Title I funds to states that agree to allow the funds to “follow the child”—an opening for voucher proposals in the future.

AND INCREASING federal funding for new charter school start-ups and expansions by \$158 million.

TO PAY FOR VOUCHER EXPANSION & RESEARCH by adding \$270 million in funding create a new federal voucher program and sponsor pro-voucher research initiatives.

...TO IGNORE HISTORIC RACISM AND INEQUITIES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION:

BY ELIMINATING about 40 positions in the Department’s Office of Civil Rights—the office that hears complaints of discrimination in school discipline, school closings & more.

AND ELIMINATING regulations guaranteeing protection of civil rights for students of color, the LGBT community and students with special needs.

Our Agenda Demands Investment to Strengthen Public Schools

Instead of dismantling public education, the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools, People’s Action and the #WECHOOSE Campaign are demanding neighborhood public schools that give students a well-rounded curriculum, class sizes that are small enough for one-on-one attention, and support services such as health care, nutrition, and after-school programs.

WE WANT ...INVESTMENT:

FULL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN BLACK AND BROWN AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. If we’re serious about every child’s future, let’s get serious about doing what works.

That means:

“SUSTAINABLE, COMMUNITY SCHOOLS” with:

- Well-rounded, culturally relevant curricula;
- Art, music and libraries for all students;
- Counselors, mental health professionals, basic health services and other wrap-around supports;
- Highly qualified, experienced teachers in every classroom, in every school.

...A COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

MAKE THE MILLIONAIRES, BILLIONAIRES AND CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE! Billions of public dollars are lost every year to tax breaks and loopholes that allow the 1% to avoid paying their fair share towards the public good

STOP BANKROLLING UNACCOUNTABLE PRIVATELY-RUN CHARTER SCHOOLS AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS.

We don’t need more schools, we need *better* schools in every neighborhood—public schools that are accountable to the communities and the children they serve.

...EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE:

STOP CRIMINALIZING CHILDREN OF COLOR! We want more funding for restorative justice programs in our schools, and the restoration of civil rights protections for students of color, students with disabilities and LGBT students.



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