Walk-In for Educational Justice

A fun, easy tactic, for mobilizing parents and community.

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Walking in to win
Milwaukee: The Takeover In A Nutshell

- 41% of all school age children go to voucher schools
- If MPS looses 5-10 more schools it becomes insolvent
- MPS contributes 15% to the city pension fund.
- This is a manufactured crisis.

- Creates a new school district that is parallel/ with non democratic appointments—
  - 1-3 schools in year 1
  - 0-5 into indefinite future
  - They new charter(s) gets all the contents on the building
  - MPS is still responsible for all after school programing/bussing and athletics
A Real Coalition
Public Education Intersectionality

- 9to5 Wisconsin
- AFSCME Local 1053
- Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 998
- American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin
- American Federation of Teachers Local 212
- Centro Hispano
- Educators’ Network for Social Justice
- Grassroots Tosa
- I Love My Public School
- Institute for Wisconsin’s Future
- LGBT Community Center
- Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope

- Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association
- NAACP – Milwaukee Chapter
- Occupy Riverwest
- Opt Out Milwaukee
- Overpass Light Brigade
- Parents for Public Schools – Milwaukee
- South East United Educators
- Voces de la Frontera/YES
- Wisconsin Association of Bilingual Education
- Wisconsin Coalition for Retirement Security
- Wisconsin Jobs Now
- Wisconsin Voices
- Women Informed
Advocate for what we want
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Walk-In video
Document your Story

Plant the seed’s
School Defense Committees

School Defense Committee Organizing Toolkit

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- First steps to get your committee started, hold your first gathering, and build a communication structure
- Handouts – flyers, articles and talking points you can copy and share
- Background reading for the organizers of your group
- Documents to help you set up leafleting or tabling at school events: a volunteer schedule, a sign-in sheet to build your network of supporters, and a school-year calendar to chart upcoming events at your school.

For updates and a pdf of this toolkit, visit mtea.org or stopMPSTakeover.com

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How to do a Walk-in

• It's easy, fun, and no risk
• Pick a date
• You don’t have to have every school to be effective
• Create a tool-kit (see Milwaukee Tool-Kit)
• Invite community allies to adopt a school
• Actively reach out to parents (Flyer drop-off and pick-up)
• It's important to do a march and then a 3-5 minute rally
• Everyone walks in together (Parents, Teachers, allies, students)
Table Exercise

• Plan a walk-in
February 17th Walk-In

- Chicago
- Los Angeles
- Milwaukee
- Pittsburgh
- Racine
- San Diego
- Paterson
- And many more!
We can Win
What Resources and/or Help Do You Need?
Questions/Comments

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"Ghandi and King aren't coming back. We're the ones who must get it done."
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