

"We conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." - Brown v. Board of Education, 1954

Take Action to Demand Equal Quality Public Education!

**FULL Funding for Boston's Public Schools!
Stop the Corporate Takeover of Education!
Money for Education NOT for War & Wall St.!**



Wed., March 3

5:30 pm

Press Conf./Picketline

**School Committee
26 Court St., Boston**

Know the Facts:

- Boston Public Schools are now facing more budget cuts and layoffs. Heat is being turned down, teachers and staff are being laid off, educational programs are being cut, and at least 2 schools will be closed.
- Safe, reliable transportation of BPS students is once again being threatened with budget cuts. Supt. Johnson is planning to reintroduce the same 5-Zone Plan that was defeated last spring. This plan will lead to further resegregation of public education and limit choices for parents & students.
- Charter schools are publicly & privately funded corporations (The Bradley Foundation, Entertainment Properties Trust, & Wall St. investment banks to mention a few) whose purpose is to make a profit off of the education of our youth while robbing public education of badly needed funding & resources.
- Charter schools will not eliminate the opportunities to learn (achievement) gap. In fact, charter schools do not provide adequate services for ELL and Special Education students. According to the Massachusetts Teachers Association 19% of BPS students are ELL as compared to 2% for charters.
- Boston Public Schools are required to educate every student that walks through the door. Students who don't fit the charter profile due to low grades or other challenges will be forced to leave charter schools and return to an even more underfunded & under-resourced BPS.
- These budget cuts and the expansion of charters creates a two-tier, separate & unequal education system: one that is highly funded for students who fit the charter profile & the other severely underfunded for everyone else.
- Charter schools are anti-union. All workers have the right union jobs at union wages.

The money is there for fully funded, equal, quality public education - defund the Pentagon; end the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan; bail out education not the banks & Wall St.; stop tax cuts for corporations and the rich; no public money for charter schools.

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