



THE ALLIANCE
TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS

National day of action to protect our students, schools and communities

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Why take action?

Across the country, educators, school staff, parents, students, political leaders and community allies will stand together to show President-elect Trump that we are committed to protecting ALL our students, our schools and our communities, and to demonstrate our opposition to Betsy DeVos as secretary of education. For decades, DeVos and her family have spent millions on an anti-public-education agenda, defunding and destabilizing public schools while at the same time promoting private, for-profit schooling without any regulation, transparency, accountability or respect for civil rights and church-state separation.

What is the goal?

We are organizing to fight the president-elect's agenda to dismantle public education, and to ensure that all students have the opportunity to pursue their dreams free from fear. On January 19, we will demand that:

- Our schools and campuses remain centers of learning that are protected against threats of bullying, racism and deportation;
- The Senate support public schools by rejecting Betsy DeVos as secretary of education; and
- Policymakers increase investment in public schools, make Wall Street and billionaires pay their fair share, and protect Title I funds.

What sort of actions?

Take an action that is right for your school, your community or your city, and that reflects our commitment to protect our students, schools and communities. You know your local situation best. You know how to bring together staff, students, parents and other community members to draw attention to the need to protect our students and schools.

Many locals are considering a "hands around your school" action, with participants creating a human chain around, or right in front of, their school or worksite (large buildings may require the use of extenders—like strips of cloth tied together—to get all the way around). Other locals are planning rallies at schools and district offices, actions to urge their Senators to vote "No" on Betsy DeVos, and other highly visible demonstrations.

How do I get more information?

Contact ezachary@aft.org and go to www.aftallin.org and www.reclaimourschools.org.

What is AROS?

The **Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools** is an unprecedented alliance of parent, youth, community and labor organizations that together represent more than 7 million people nationwide. We are fighting to reclaim the promise of public education as our nation's gateway to a strong democracy and racial and economic justice.