

WE OPPOSE A CORPORATE TAKEOVER OF COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Major Columbus corporations recently dumped more than \$500,000 into an effort to “reimagine” our Columbus City Schools. It’s increasingly clear that those corporations and some of their friends at the Statehouse are working toward a goal of dismantling the Board of Education we elected in order to replace it with appointed members who would not be directly accountable to the voters. This would have severe negative consequences for our community, and we oppose any such effort.

Ask your friends, family, neighbors, community leaders and elected officials to join us in opposing a takeover of Columbus City Schools.



Keep Corporate Hands Off Ohio Public Schools

Whereas, since the founding of our nation, we have recognized that public education is the great equalizer, ensuring that all children, no matter their race, class or gender, should have the same opportunity to achieve their full potential; and

Whereas, the foundation of a strong public education rests in local control of our school districts, a system in which elected school board members are directly accountable to parents and the community at large; and

Whereas, any attempt by politicians and corporations to take over our public schools should be viewed as a power grab motivated by greed; and

Whereas, any attempt to takeover Columbus City Schools has at its core a mission to demonize both certified and classified workers, with an ultimate goal of slashing their wages and benefits and stripping them of their rights; and

Whereas, schools across Ohio, particularly those in urban centers such as Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron, and Youngstown are rumored for similar takeover attempts;

Therefore, now be it resolved that the Ohio AFL-CIO and its affiliate unions strongly oppose any effort to seize control of our public schools and strip elected school board members of their duties and responsibilities to our children and the public at large, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to elected officials and community leaders throughout Ohio urging their support for the preservation of locally controlled public schools.

Unanimously adopted by the Ohio AFL-CIO on February 1, 2013