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#FreedomToLearn Mass Meeting TOMORROW!

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#FreedomToLearn

You and your coworkers are in the midst of a campaign to protect our students' **#FreedomToLearn** in the face of some terrible legislation and a terrible budget from the North Carolina General Assembly. This week, we've also heard from many of you about the teacher surplus situation -- and make no mistake, the same folks behind the terrible budget and legislation are behind many of the enrollment and allotment issues that have led to surplussing.

**Take action at this week's [Mass Meeting](#)!**

Learn how you and your coworkers can come together to win! When things get hard in education, we have some choices. Many of us have chosen at different times to complain, give up, or just close our door and teach harder (isolate ourselves). But what if there's a better choice -- a choice that brings us together and actually changes our conditions for the better? That choice is *organizing*, and we *organize* ourselves and our coworkers to move together to get things done!

What are some opportunities you have this week to get your coworkers moving together? How about these?

- Take a group **#Red4Ed photo**. (It's great when folks wear their red on Wednesday, and it's even *better* when we practice meeting together for even just that moment that it takes to get a picture of all of us together.)
- Get 5 coworkers to sign the **#FreedomToLearn petition**. (You could even get your whole #Red4Ed group to sign using [this QR code!](#))
- Bring your team to the **Mass Meeting!**

As we move bigger and bigger groups of our coworkers, we're building towards a ***strike-ready majority union!***

How to Plug In & Build YOUR Union, GCAE:

We build a strike-ready majority union by **organizing** to move **majorities**.

Can you get the **majority** of your building to sign the **#FreedomToLearn Petition**? If you'd like support, be sure to reach out to GCAE leadership at gcaenc@gmail.com or contact your NCAE staff organizer directly.

So far, our highest percentage [petition](#) participation buildings are...

- *Andrews High with 40%*
- *Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown with 40%*
- *General Greene Elementary with 28%*
- *Alderman Elementary with 27%*
- *Erwin Montessori with 25%*

Strong work! Which buildings will be our Top 5 by Thursday's [Mass Meeting](#)?

Get ready for Phase 2 of the #FreedomToLearn Campaign at the [Mass Meeting](#) and [Organizing Bootcamp!](#) Register today!

THURS, OCT 12,

GCAE Mass Meeting

[Register](#)

5:30 - 7:30 pm,We'll feed you, take care of your kids,
and get you and your team ready to win!**Smith HS****SAT, OCT 28,****GCAE Organizing Bootcamp****Register****9:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Greensboro**

This in-person 1-day organizing conversation bootcamp is open to all GCS staff who are NCAE members. It is especially encouraged for building team members ready to level up to organize their worksite.

Ways to Plug In with NCAE:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE. The following opportunities are available for all NCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **From Bills to Advocacy: Understanding School Budgets**
 - Wednesday, Oct 11, 6:00-7:15 PM, virtual
 - Register
- **Leading in Our Locals and Our Lives: What is (My) Leadership?**
 - Saturday, Oct 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Raleigh
 - Register: link.ncae.org/Landscape
- **Learning the Landscape: Why are They So Scared of Public Schools and Our Unions?**
 - Monday, Oct 23, 6:00-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register

FREE Children's Books for NEA Members

As part of its year-round celebration of Read Across America, NEA is partnering with author Mary Pope Osborne, Random House Children's Books and First Book to help educators bring FREE books to children in Title 1 schools or programs that serve low-income families. Books are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Educators must sign up for a free account with First Book. Use promo code NEAMAGICTREEHOUSE to get \$75 worth in free Magic Tree House titles (approximately 25 books).

Sign up

Great Public School's Fund First PAC Drive!

NCAE's new Strategic Plan calls on us to "Restore the Promise of Public Schools & Our Democracy." As we launch the Great Public Schools Fund, we plan to fulfill our strategic goals by 1) putting education on the ballot, 2) by identifying education voters, and 3) by putting forth a vision

for “What’s Possible for Students.” To accomplish all that, we must increase our PAC donations.
[Please join today.](#)

To join the PAC Drive, running from NOW through October 31, 2023, you can:

SIGN-UP USING OUR DIGITAL PAC: If you sign up at a minimum of \$8 a month as a Great Public Schools Sustainer, you will receive an exclusive ‘Created by Public Schools’ shirt.

RECRUIT NEW PAC CONTRIBUTORS: When you recruit new contributors to the Great Public-School Fund you will receive 10% of the total dollar amount you raise. To receive your gift you must ensure new donors list your name in the ‘Recruited By’ field on the digital PAC sign-up.

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