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Time to RALLY!

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It's time for Guilford County to come together to fight back against the General Assembly's attacks on our kids' **#FreedomToLearn**.

The truth is, our schools are in trouble. The supermajority in the NC General Assembly has been attacking our public schools -- through years of underfunding and legislation that attacks vulnerable students and funnels money out of our public schools.



Sign up now for the **#FreedomToLearn Rally** on November 7.

Haven't signed on to the petition yet? [Sign right now.](#)

Our coworkers in GCAE just successfully defended GCS's promised increases to staff wages from the North Carolina General Assembly's failure to fully fund our schools. But we know holding onto this local victory is not enough. In 2024, the vouchers that were already passed by the NCGA will go into effect and start *siphoning millions and millions MORE public dollars out of Guilford County Schools*. Our public schools that are already stretched and cracking -- and the PEOPLE who are already overwhelmed and underpaid trying to hold our schools together -- are going to feel these hits even harder than the ones we've already seen.

To win more, we have to do more. In Guilford County, we are a community that loves our public schools and believes that every child, regardless of race, class, gender, or ability, deserves a great public school education.

It's time for our Guilford County community to stand together and make a plan for how we can protect our students' #FreedomToLearn in the face of attacks from Raleigh. Join school staff, families, and community supporters for a rally on November 7th at 5pm to show the Board of Ed that our Guilford County community will not let the NCGA's attacks on our public schools take our students' #FreedomToLearn!

RSVP at bit.ly/FTLRally - and invite friends, family, and community supporters!

November 7 at 5:00 PM at the Guilford County Schools office, [712 N Eugene St., Greensboro, NC 27401](#)

- We'll have HOT DOGS, so be sure to RSVP so we prepare enough food!
- Special guest appearance from the Piedmont Raging Grannies, sharing songs of justice for our public schools!

Phase 2 of the #FreedomToLearn Campaign: Time to RALLY!

The [#FreedomToLearn Rally](#) will take place exactly one year before the 2024 elections and one week before the November Board of Education meeting. We want our community to know that we are here to fight for our public schools by every means necessary.

- We're here to win budget fights in the spring!
- We're here to elect pro-public education candidates in the fall!
- We're here to declare that public schools are facing a state of emergency, it's the North Carolina General Assembly's fault, and we will not stand for it!
- We're here to harness the transformative power of our shared commitment to defend the #FreedomToLearn that belongs to every public school student in this county.

TUES, NOV 7,

#FreedomToLearn Rally

Register

5:00 PM,**Board of Education
Bldg**

Let's unite to show our community that
we are committed to our students and
our public schools!

THURS, NOV 16,**November Mass Meeting****Register****5:30-7:30 PM,****Smith HS**

Get some good food, and learn what we
won this fall and how we're moving
forward to win more this spring!

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.

- **NCAE's from Bills to Advocacy: NCAE's Legislative Update and Advocacy Skills Training**
 - Wednesday, November 8, 6:00-7:15 PM, virtual
 - [Register](#)
- **NCAE All Member Call: Budget Deep Dive**
 - Thursday, November 16, 6:00-7:15 PM, virtual
 - [Register](#)
- **Leading in Our Locals and Our Lives: Leading My Union**
 - Saturday, November 18, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Raleigh
 - [Register](#)
- **Learning the Landscape: NCAE's Past, Present, and Forward to the Future**
 - Monday, November 27, 6:00-7:30 PM, virtual
 - [Register](#)

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