

Media Advisory

School Children and Parents to Protest Further Education Cuts

What:

After-school “sidewalk event” with children and parents protesting further cuts to public education budget at Colfax K-8 (Pittsburgh Public Schools, Squirrel Hill). Parents and children will be holding signs, eating cookies, and making calls to their state legislators and the governor on cell phones as part of state-wide “call in” day organized by Education Voters of PA.

When:

This Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 3:00 – 3:30 PM (school lets out at 3:15 pm; media should arrive by 3 PM). This event is timely because the Governor’s budget is currently being prepared and will be released on February 7th.

Where:

Colfax Accelerated Learning Academy, 2332 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA, 15217.
Colfax is on Beechwood Boulevard between Phillips and Douglas streets.

Background:

We are dozens of parents who were moved to action by our shock at the impact of last year’s cuts on our children’s class rooms, from loss of essential supports for struggling kids to loss of whole subject areas to growing numbers of students in the class. We have already published numerous letters to the editor in the Post-Gazette, held letter writing parties attended by dozens to write letters to the Governor and key legislators, participated in a state-wide “call in” day to the same officials, and created connections to parents in other school districts, all of whom have been negatively affected. We have created a website (<http://yinzercation.wordpress.com/>) with copies of our letters to the editor, letters, and background information for other concerned citizens.

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