



**Great
Schools
NOW!!!**



We are ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. We are joining together in our communities to get better schools, jobs, housing, healthcare and safer streets.

We are calling on the school district to focus on our community schools in our lowest income neighborhoods and to come up with a plan that works for our families in the city's poorest communities. We want a better solution to the education of our children. We are here for the following:

1. Parental participation

- Parents should be welcome in the school at any time
- Parents should have real input into principal and teacher hiring as well as the school budget and programs.
- Activities for parents should be at convenient times
- There should be someone at the school who speaks the language of the parents

2. There should be a highly qualified teacher in every classroom.

- Highly qualified is defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

3. There should be a master teacher program to mentor other teachers

- There should be one master teacher for every 6 teachers.
- Classroom evaluation and feedback will be part of this program

4. There should be a highly qualified principal at the school.

5. Small class sizes

- For grades K to 3 this should be 15 or less.
- For all other grades this should be 20 or less.

6. Longer school day and/or after school programs

- The school day in an ACORN school should be 1 hour longer than at other schools. Teachers should be paid at scale for this extra hour of work.
- ACORN schools should have an after school program which moves students towards academic excellence and which is available to all students.

7. Research based reading program

All ACORN schools should implement a research based reading program.

ACORN members believe that we need elected officials WHO PRIORITIZE EDUCATION !

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