

Education Emergency- Defend Public Education-Stop Scapegoating and Terrorizing Public Teachers

Stop the Privatization of Public Public Education!!!

State Wide Rallies And Press Conferences in LA September 17th and Burlingame September 27th

Debates between candidates for State Superintendent of Public Education, incumbent Tom Torlakson and Marshall Tuck, both Democrats, will be held on September 17 in Downey and September 27 in Burlingame. Both candidates call for an intensification of the assault on public education and public school teachers through the continued expansion of charter schools and attacking public teacher rights. Moreover, a result of this reactionary agenda is growing corruption involving millions of dollars of public funds by education privatizers. A case in point is LAUSD Superintendent John Deasy manipulating the bidding process of a controversial one billion dollar contract with Apple and Pearson for 650, 000 iPads. Any teacher accused of corruption and theft would be arrested and put into jail, but Deasy remains in charge of the LAUSD. He and his accomplices as well as Apple and Pearson executives should to be prosecuted for corruption.

At the same time, both the California Democrats and Republicans, including Governor Brown, want to pump more money into charters and the Gates Foundation funded “common core” testing scam. This is being pushed not only by privatizers like Gates, Broad, Kipp and the Walton foundations, but also by teacher union officials who themselves are getting money from “non-profits” funded by these same billionaires. Also, the privatizers have placed their operatives on the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, local boards of educations, and many government entities, representing flagrant conflicts of interest as they vote to use public money for charters, private consultants, and testing.

Further, the recent Vergara ruling by LA County Superior Court Judge Rolf True, which aims to eliminate tenure and due process, was backed by these same privatizers and union busters and is welcomed by Obama’s US Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan, and labor supported Congressman George

Miller and John Burton. Burton, who is chair of the California Democratic Party, and is, in fact, on the board of the University of Phoenix, which is at the forefront of bilking the public.

A statewide political education campaign and mass rallies against Vergara in needed. This is largely because the CTA-NEA and CFT-AFT are relying on the courts and the politicians to defend public teacher rights, forces and institutions that are in collaboration with the attack on public education. Moreover, not surprising, both the CFT and CTA in the “Vergara” lawsuit agreed with millionaire David K. Welch’s lawyers from his front group “Students Matter” that the problem with public education is “bad teachers”.

Also, we need to unite the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), Oakland Education Association (OEA), and United Educators of San Francisco (UESF), which are all without contracts, to take strike action together. All of these unions are facing the same attacks by Governor Brown and the Democrat Party-controlled legislature, which certainly raises the question as to whether public workers should endorse Democrats.

Join teachers and public education advocates at the Torlakson-Tuck debates.

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