



# Schools and Communities United

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

### **Community, Students, and Educators Oppose Plans to Privatize North Division High School**

Milwaukee – (March 12, 2018) Schools and Communities United, a coalition of community, labor, student and civic organizations in Milwaukee is standing together with our neighbors in 53206 in their fight against a proposal that would co-locate or hand the public North Division High School over to a private charter school operator. On Monday, educators, students, and community members will rally outside of North Division High School to say North Division is here to STAY!

Media outlets are invited to cover the press conference on Monday, March 12 at 4:15 p.m. outside North Division High School. Reporters wishing to do interviews may also get in touch with the contact listed above.

**Who:** Schools and Communities United, North Division High School educators, students, parents, alumni, and community members

**What:** Press conference to stop the privatization of North Division

**Where:** Outside North Division High School | 1011 W Center St, Milwaukee, WI 53206

**When:** Monday, March 12 at 4:15 p.m.

**Hashtags to follow:** #NoMPSTakeover

#### **Background:**

At least one known proposal has been submitted by Howard Fuller, a private charter school operator who endorsed Betsy DeVos. Fuller runs Milwaukee Collegiate Academy, a city charter school that started as a private voucher school. In both 2011-12 and 2012-13, the school expelled 11% of its students. In 2013-14 it expelled 16% of its students. That's 5 times more expulsions than any other City-chartered school and 10 times more than Milwaukee Public

Schools high schools. Milwaukee Collegiate Academy's suspension rate was 56% in 2011-12 and 42% in 2012-13, higher than any other City charter school or MPS high school.

North Division High School is a significant part of Milwaukee's heritage and should be treated as a vital pillar of the neighborhoods in 53206. Many notable African-American leaders graduated from North Division including Wisconsin's first African-American woman elected secretary of state, Vel Phillips and Congresswoman Gwen Moore.

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