



# Schools and Communities United

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## **EMERGENCY PRESS CONFERENCE TONIGHT! Milwaukee Leaders Demand Open Meetings Regarding MPS School Takeovers**

Milwaukee - A coalition of community, labor, student and civic organizations in Milwaukee, is holding an **emergency press conference tonight** outside the invite-only Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP) Council meeting where County Executive Chris Abele's Commissioner, Demond Means, is expected to announce eight Milwaukee schools that have been identified for possible takeover tonight.

Milwaukee parents, educators, and leaders are calling for open and transparent OSPP Council meetings that uphold Wisconsin's open records and meetings laws and are held in locations accessible to members of the public that are open to all citizens at all times.

Holding private meetings about the fate of Milwaukee Public Schools ignores Wisconsin's tradition of transparency that protects the public interest. This type of secrecy leaves parents, educators, and even education officials in the dark.

### **Event Details:**

**Who:** Community Coalition including: AFSCME Local 1053, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998, Community Uprise, Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association, SEIU Wisconsin State Council, Voces de la Frontera, Wisconsin Jobs Now, and Women Informed

**Where:** Mt. Zion Church, 2207 N 2nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53212

**When:** Monday, May 9 at 5:30pm

**What:** The people of Milwaukee have a long history of supporting public education and demanding our public schools serve all children well.

Today we see politicians attacking our communities' fundamental democratic rights by removing public institutions from the control of democratically elected boards and establishing a new "takeover" school district in Milwaukee that operates without public input.

Media outlets are invited to cover tonight's emergency press conference. Reporters wishing to do interviews with the organization leaders, students, or parents on that day or after may also get in touch with the contact listed above.

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