

TODAY: WESTERN DAY OF ACTION

Boycott - Sickout - Sit-in - Occupy - Walkout

Whatever action we take, there must NO BUSINESS AS USUAL until *bilingual secretaries* and all staff get their jobs back!

This is a *racist* attack against the rapidly growing Latina/o community in Southwest Detroit, especially on the *undocumented students & their families* who don't know English. For these students & their families, the secretaries & other staff who are bilingual mean **EVERYTHING**.

These staff, going far & above the call of duty for ordinary secretaries, *serve as vital translators* on the phone, at the front desk, for councilors, teachers; *everything*. The Emergency Manager is pushing the undocumented youth to **DROP OUT OF SCHOOL** if they lose access to translators.

Western is already *overcrowded & utterly fails* to meet the needs of its growing Spanish speaking population by not providing ELA, science, math and history taught in **SPANISH**, which is what is *truly needed*. Therefore, bilingual secretaries and other staff are literally **THE ONLY PATHWAY TO LEARNING** for Spanish-speaking students.

Whatever action we take tomorrow, and in the days and weeks to come, we must ensure there is **NO BUSINESS AS USUAL AT WESTERN** until the bilingual staff are *restored*. Our futures, and the futures of our classmates, our brothers, sisters, & the many thousands yet to arrive in Detroit, from Mexico or Central America, are *depending on US to act NOW*.

This attack *would never even be attempted* if Southwest & the rest of Detroit had full democratic and political control of our city. That is why the civil rights group **By Any Means Necessary (BAMN)** has called on every student, teacher, staff & parent to **TAKE ACTION TOMORROW, all across the district**.

For Western and Southwest Detroit, this is *even more vital*, because we have a chance, by joining this fight **NOW**, to save the staff we so desperately need to learn, and to build a movement capable of winning all classes being taught in *Spanish and English*, to end the regime of huge class size & police/security guard harassment/abuse.

JOIN US FOR A DISTRICT WIDE RALLY & PRESS CONFERENCE @ DSA

3:30pm Today 12/10, 123 Selden St, Detroit, MI 48201

**Sign & Circulate the Petition to "Restore the Democratic Rights of the People of Detroit"
& The "No Takeover of the Detroit Federation of Teachers" Petition**

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