

Make March a Month of Action!



We want to make March a month of action! Will you make your voice heard?

Already, 2017 has been a year of dynamic action and inspiring solidarity. Our activists did an amazing job leading the charge against Betsy DeVos ... an effort that resulted in bipartisan opposition to DeVos in the U.S. Senate. We have stood strong to tell Washington and Albany that they cannot ignore the needs of public schools and colleges, students and educators. And we will continue to stand together, to advocate and to resist.

Here are 11 things you can do to take action in March!

- Attend a town hall meeting The Town Hall Project has created a <u>website</u> that
 has every member of Congress' town halls and public appearances. <u>Check it
 out</u> and then attend a town hall meeting and ask a question on school
 vouchers and/or health care. Go and tell a story why you love public schools.
- Fight for Funding State budget negotiations are underway and our public schools, colleges and hospitals are depending on our legislators to raise revenue to fund them! Fax your legislators <u>HERE</u> to ask them to fight to expand the Millionaire's Tax and close the Carried Interest Loophole NOW, and make the wealthiest New Yorkers #PayAFairShare.
- Form a Rapid Response Resistance (the 3Rs) Team in your region Identify
 other activists and invite them to an organizing meeting. Looking for others
 who'd like to join you? <u>Contact your Regional Political Organizer</u> to be
 connected to a local 3Rs group.
- Postcard Signing Hold a post card drive to ask your local congressperson to protect public education from Betsy DeVos' agenda – request postcards here

- Oppose Judge Gorsuch We oppose Supreme Court nominee Judge
 Gorsuch because of his record and views ruling against students with
 disabilities, consistently siding with big business at the expense of working
 people and embracing extremist views. <u>SIGN A PETITION</u> urging senators to
 vote NO on Judge Gorsuch.
- Organize a phone banking house party! Call other NYSUT members and ask them to call their legislators to fight to keep the Foundation Aid school aid formula and to fund a \$2.1 billion increase in school funding. <u>Contact your</u> RPO to set this up.
- 7. Write a Letter to the Editor of your local newspapers and let them know why you're #PublicSchoolProud or why you are #SUNYProud/#CUNYProud Here is a sample.
- Help stop the Constitutional Convention! Expose the Con in the
 Constitutional Convention and make a special donation to the <u>NYSUT No NY</u>
 Convention Fund!
- Sign up for MAC Text Alerts Do you get our text alerts on Take Action
 Tuesdays? If not, sign up by texting "NYSUT" to 38470. Ask 3 friends to sign
 up too!
- Wear RED in solidarity On March 8, the organizers of the Women's March on Washington are planning "a day without women." Wear RED in solidarity with this day of action. (More Information Here)
- Plan a day of action event for May 1, 2017 Questions? <u>Contact your</u> <u>Regional Political Organizer</u>.

Let's make March a month of action and make a difference for New York!

In solidarity,

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