

Principles of Unity Zine Release Event

Community Town Hall

EVENT SCHEDULE:

12:00 PM - 1:50 PM | Principles Of Unity Zine Release & Org Fair

Celebrate the release of our fifth volume of the *Principles Of Unity Zine*. Explore our ten amazing organizations hosting tables at our org fair in the rear. You can also enjoy some delicious bites and connect with other community members.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Community Town Hall

Join us to discuss what's happening in our community and what Power U's campaign will address. You will hear from our organizers, youth leadership, and supporters who have newly developed campaigns about how you can get involved this year.

ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGNS

Environmental Justice Committee

Originally the Exploratory Committee, EJC (Environmental Justice Committee) had the opportunity to build a new campaign and explore how to cut issues from the problems we learned community members care most about. During canvassing around unincorporated neighborhoods, we had conversations with folks about issues ranging from health hazardous water and housing infrastructure to neglected trash and recycling pickup and lack of traffic safety. After coming to a committee vote, we want all of our neighborhoods to be clean and safe. With continued gentrification, land development, pollution, and the risk of climate crisis skyrocketing in Miami, we are digging into what environmental justice means and requires.

Reproductive Justice Committee

Our Reproductive Justice Committee focuses on issues that support us in feeling safe in our bodies, schools, and communities now and for generations to come. This year we voted to focus on ensuring that Comprehensive Sex Education that included gender and sexual identity and information about periods and Period Poverty is accessible to MDCPS students. In addition, we have partnered with a local organization to support 5 District 2 schools in providing menstrual products to students in need, and we want the school board to partner with us as we continue to advocate around this issue.

Counselors Not Cops

Counselors not Cops Committee seeks to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline to end the criminalization of youth in the classroom, create liberatory educational spaces, and implement an affirmative vision of safety and transformative justice. In line with this, our CNC members have voted to create a campaign focused on restorative justice. CNC is now in the process of learning about the implementation and shortcomings of restorative justice in MDCPS to find ways that the district can further expand it and better it for the sake of addressing conflict in productive ways and repairing harm in our schools and communities, rather than criminalizing our communities and perpetuating systems of oppression.

ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGNS (Continued)

Teacher & School Staff

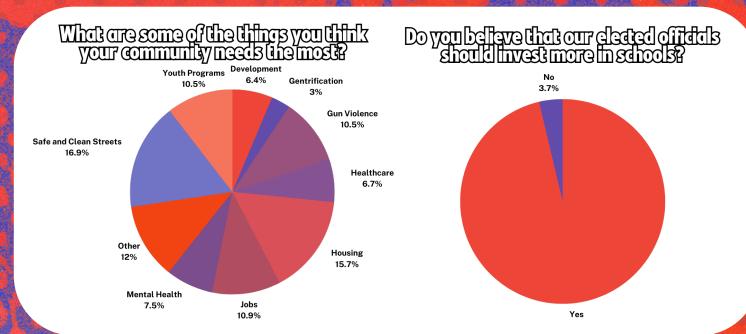
Power U is currently organizing teachers to get them to organize within their union. We have seen in other school districts across the country that when teachers are actively organizing their school sites and building with other teachers across their districts, they are better able to navigate the issues that arise within their districts. We encourage teachers to organize their worksites by having intentional 1 on 1's with their co-workers, identifying leaders, mapping out their school site, and then running school site campaigns. If teachers are engaged in this high level of organizing, it can positively impact the chances of our youth campaigns gaining traction.

Parents & Community Members

We have been working on making our organization more intergenerational for the past year and a half. We have built relationships with schools, hosted meetings, and film screenings relating to parent & community organizing and how we can get inspired from them. We understand that saving public education is essential; we must engage working-class parents and community members. We must address community issues and make school spaces where the community can gather. With the Bills passed by the Florida Legislature, we know that the interest of Black and Brown folks is not being addressed, and it is vital to get organized more than ever.

LISTENING CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Beginning in March, we conducted a community canvass based from school sites Miami Central & Jackson High School. Our youth members canvassed over 300 addresses in surrounding areas and gathered 267 responses from community members.



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