

BUILDING COMMUNITY POWER & CARE

TOWN HALL & WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH 2023

EVENT SCHEDULE:

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | NOURISHMENTS + CONNECTIONS

This is space for you to meet your comrades within the community, pick up a free green Power U t-shirt, and enjoy complimentary bites.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Community Town Hall

Join us to discuss what's happening in our community and the new developments to Power U's campaigns. You will hear from our youth leadership, and supporters who have been canvassing to collect data and rally support for their issues.

ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGNS

Environmental Justice Committee

The Environmental Justice Committee had conversations with neighbors about problems and challenges they face every day while canvassing around unincorporated areas of our community. We learned that many people have shared experiences and conditions that are often directly tied to budget allocations and decisions at the county and city levels. After furthering our research and conversing with community members and our Elected Officials, The EJ Committee calls upon our County Commissioner to fund and implement solutions for unfilled potholes and trash dumping around unincorporated neighborhoods of Central and North Miami. We are demanding:

- 1. Proper filling and paving of potholes and gaps in roads in unincorporated Central and North Central Miami.**
- 2. Funding of two community trash bins to mitigate accumulated trash and dumping.**
- 3. An increase in Miami-Dade Neighborhood & Infrastructure funds allocation towards unincorporated neighborhoods this upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year.**

Reproductive Justice Committee

Our Reproductive Justice Committee focuses on issues that support us feeling safe in our bodies, schools, and communities now and for future generations. After conducting research and meeting with district board members, officers, and directors, we've shifted our focus to be around these three demands:

- 1. Full-Time Non-Discretionary Nurses:** MDCPS only has one nurse on staff, Brenda Wilder, and it would cost between 21 to 27 million to provide every school with a full-time nurse. We want this to be non-discretionary, meaning principals must use the money to ensure that students' physical health is also a priority in MDCPS.
- 2. Participation in the Educational Materials Advisory Committee:** This new committee is dedicated to reviewing the instructional materials used to educate our students, and we believe that students and experts should have the opportunity not only to participate but have decision-making power on this advisory board. Students are to be selected by the current student advisor, who we would like to support in making the decision and ensuring the student's voice is recognized in this committee. There is no financial cost currently involved with operating an advisory committee.

Reproductive Justice Committee (Continued)

3. Lastly, we are working with a few different groups and district members to implement **School Pantries**: we recognize that there is a need for menstrual and other hygiene products for students who need more resources to secure these items. We also recognize the stigma and shame associated with this need and that schools have a unique opportunity to address and reduce these issues. Our goal is to support the district with a proposal on what these pantries should carry and how they should operate to support the students and communities that support them. All products we've collected and distributed have been donated, but we've learned that the district has constructed a pilot program which we would like to support and build upon.

Counselors Not Cops

The Counselors, not Cops Committee, is fighting to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline to end the criminalization of youth in the classroom 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.

Restorative Justice is an approach to addressing harm and resolving conflicts that focus on repairing relationships, healing the community, and meeting the needs of those affected by wrongdoing. It is an alternative to traditional punitive justice systems that primarily emphasize punishment

This year we have three demands relating to strengthening restorative justice in MDCPS:

1. Hiring nine district-wide restorative justice coordinators in MDCPS
2. Creation of a subcommittee that focuses on restorative justice as part of the Safety and Security Committee of the School Board
3. Biannual report on the progress of restorative justice by the Department of School Operations

Teacher & School Staff

Power U is 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, they can better navigate the issues that arise. We encourage teachers to organize their worksites by having intentional one 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

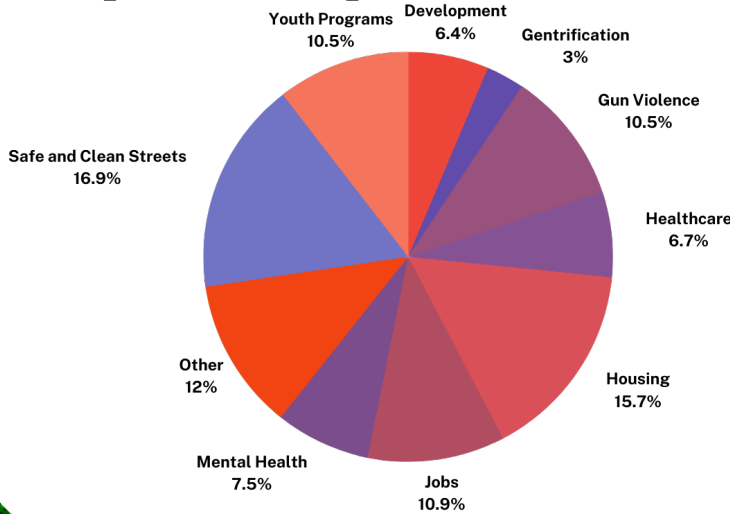
We have been working on making our organization more intergenerational for the past year and a half. We have begun building relationships with schools and hosted meetings relating to parent & community organizing and how we can get inspired from them. We understand that saving public education is essential; 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.

We know that working-class parents and community members are the most critical stakeholders in public education. We must build a strong movement for quality schools that address community needs. If we don't fight back now, we will lose the chance to have high-quality public education in Miami-Dade.

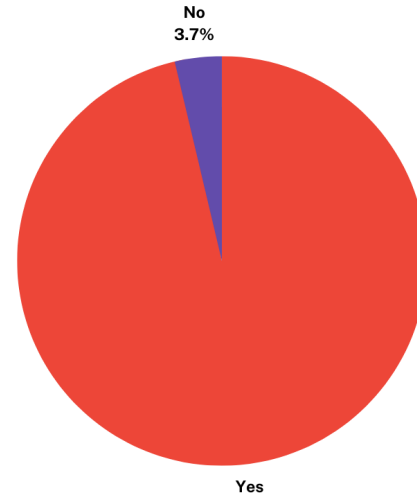
LISTENING CAMPAIGN RESULTS

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.

What are some of the things you think your community needs the most?



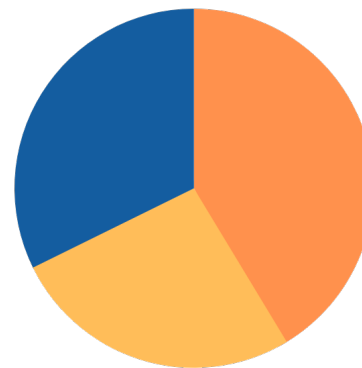
Do you believe that our elected officials should invest more in schools?



This summer our youth canvassed 154 Residents across Miami. We set out from locations such as Miami Edison and Claude Pepper Park. Below are some of our survey results.

WHICH OF OUR CAMPAIGNS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING?

Restorative Justice
32.3%



Environmental Justice
41.3%

Reproductive Justice
26.4%

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WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH | 4 PM
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Join us for our annual rally before Miami Dade County Public Schools Budget Hearing! Power U members and other dedicated allies are seeking support from the community by participating in this rally & signing up to testify alongside our organization.



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