



Save our Schools is a national organization committed to protecting public education.

First Annual Missouri

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Columbia, Missouri

Saturday, February 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Save our Schools---Missouri, an affiliate of the national Save Our Schools movement, is holding its first annual statewide conference! If you are a parent, teacher, or citizen concerned about the relentless and unwarranted attack on our public schools and our public school districts—plan to attend this conference.

Learn relevant statutes and this year's pending legislation. Conference attendees will be provided with information that will help to effectively advocate for public education and counter the attacks on public schools. A goal of the conference is to develop a network of concerned activists who continue to work in support of public education in Missouri. Task forces will be formed.

This will be a day to form new relationships and network with those concerned about the status of public education in Missouri. Now more than ever, Missourians need to build bridges across the state to expand and defend public education. (Conference schedule and speakers are found on back of this flyer.)

Keynote Speaker: John Kuhn (Superintendent, Perrin-Whitt School District, Texas.) Kuhn spoke at the National Save Our Schools National March on Washington in July, 2011.

Time: Saturday, February 18, 2012 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Allen Auditorium, Arts and Sciences Building

University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

(For More Information contact: 816-298-7913 KC; 573-760-3544 Van Buren, MO; 314-771-0946 St. Louis)

Suggested conference donation: \$10.00

Directions: From Interstate 70, take exit 26, and drive South 1.8 miles on Missouri 163 Providence Rd. Turn left on Turner, and drive 0.2 miles. The Turner Parking Garage is on the left. Garage parking is free on Saturday. The Arts and Sciences Building is two short blocks east.

Save our Schools Missouri Conference Schedule and Speakers

9:30a.m. --- **REGISTRATION**

10:00-10:15a.m. ---**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, Peg Nicholson**

Bill Wickersham, Peace Studies Department, University of Missouri, Columbia.

10:15 - 12:30a.m. --- **MORNING PANELS AND DISCUSSION:** Our two largest public school districts are un-accredited; Missouri's smallest district is obliterated. A domino effect of un-accrediting and consolidating students into other districts on the precipice of losing accreditation may further destabilize the educational environment for our most vulnerable children.

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. --- **Lessons From St Louis and Riverview Gardens**

Susan Turk, moderator St. Louis panel. (Susan is a parent and editor of St. Louis Schools Watch). **Donna Jones** and **Peter Downs** are parents and members of the Elected School Board for St. Louis Public Schools. **Mark Kasen** is a social studies teacher in St. Louis. **Jessica DuMaine** is a parent of children in St. Louis Public Schools. **Barb Chicherio**, Social Worker—Riverview Gardens School District

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. --- **Kansas City: Where Do We Go From Here?**

Judy Morgan, moderator Kansas City Panel. (Judy was past-president of AFT Local 691, and has recently been elected to the Mo. state legislature.

Speaking for parents in Kansas City is **Jamekia Kendrix**, District Advisory Council (DAC), Kansas City Public Schools.

11:45-12:30a.m. ---Discussion with panelists about un-accreditation issues.

12:30 - 1:30p.m.---**LUNCH** MU campus locations ***MU asks we not eat or drink in the building.

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.---**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN KUHN, Superintendent Perrin-Whitt Schools, Texas**

2:00 -2:30p.m. ---**DISCUSSION** with John Kuhn

2:30-2:45p.m. ---**BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.---**AFTERNOON PANEL AND DISCUSSION: Why Children Need Schools, Teachers Need Unions, and Democracy Needs Public Education.**

Panelists: **Karen Lewis**, Chicago Teachers Union (Karen is president of one of the largest teachers' unions in the U.S.); **Roman Davis**, Education Chair, Occupy KC; **Representative Milwaukee Education Association**

3:45 - 4:30---**NEXT STEPS AND ACTION GROUPS!** Now more than ever, Missourians need to build bridges across the state so that we can work together!

4:30 - 5:00 - **PRESS CONFERENCE** to affirm commitment to quality public education for all—an end to poverty, racism, homelessness for millions of children and families in our state.

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