



WHEN IT COMES TO OUR KIDS, WHO DO YOU TRUST?



OUR UNION



THEIR MACKINAC CENTER*

- **Bargains** for better pay and benefits
- **Fights** for increased funding and reduced standardized testing
- **Defends** our health care and pension benefits
- **Addresses** workplace concerns
- **Ensures** fair evaluations
- **Advocates** for smaller class sizes and safer schools
- **Negotiates** reasonable workloads and working conditions
- **Represents** 74,000 Maryland educators across the state

- **Opposes** higher pay for educators
- **Opposes** increased funding and wants to punish schools based on test scores
- **Opposes** dependable health and retirement benefits for educators
- **Opposes** educators having a voice in education policy decisions
- **Opposes** fair evaluations
- **Supports** for-profit charter schools and private school voucher schemes
- **Represents** extremist out-of-state political groups and billionaires

** Based in Michigan*

Since 1865, the Maryland State Education Association and its **local unions have been representing** our state's public school employees and advocating for Maryland's public school students.

MSEA membership gives us the voice and influence we don't have alone. **Together we have won more funding for our students** and fought for better salaries, benefits, and working conditions. Together we will keep fighting for great public schools for every child in every neighborhood.

We can't let out-of-state extremist groups like the Mackinac Center from Michigan attack our union. **They're desperate to take our voice**, lower our pay, reduce our healthcare, and take away our retirement. It's already happened in other states they've targeted.

We have to fight back so it doesn't happen here.

The Mackinac Center's Agenda: Destroy Unions, Limit Educators' Voice, Rights, and Pay



“Our goal is outlaw collective bargaining in Michigan, which in practical terms means no more MEA [Michigan Education Association].”

—**JACK MCHUGH**

*Mackinac Center Senior Policy Analyst,
as quoted in Mother Jones,
January/February 2014*

“Like the Kochs, the DeVoses are generous supporters of think tanks...that rail against unions and back privatizing public services, like the Mackinac Center.”

—“Trump Education Pick Plays Hardball with Her Wealth,”
New York Times, January 9, 2017



WE MUST STAND TOGETHER — WE MUST FIGHT BACK

The Mackinac Center is **funded by billionaires** with extreme political goals, including Betsy DeVos' family and the Koch brothers, who “are playing an influential role in the drive to **strip public employee unions of their rights to bargain.**” (Reuters, 2/26/2011).

Don't be fooled. MSEA members are powerful advocates for what students need to be successful—qualified school staff, increased funding, and a strong voice for educators. **The Mackinac Center and its billionaire backers** oppose these things and are motivated by what's best for their bottom lines and **extreme political ideology**, not what's best for local educators or students.

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