



# 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*

**S**ince 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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