

A Socialist Program to Defend Education

A public meeting sponsored by the International Students for Social Equality

The right to public education in the United States is under attack. The economic crisis is being exploited as the occasion for the starving and dismantling of the public education system.

Barack Obama, with his “Race to the Top” program, is expanding the attack on education initiated by Bush’s “No Child Left Behind” act. The Obama plan makes federal funding for school districts conditional on closing traditional public schools in favor of charter schools and paying teachers based on the scores of their students—measures that will lead to larger class sizes, lower pay for teachers, and the effective denial of public education for working-class students. Throughout the country, schools are being closed and teachers laid off, while tuition at colleges and universities is soaring.

Education cuts are part of a wider assault on all

the social programs and gains won by working people over decades. The goal of this drive is to make the people pay for the economic crisis and the multibillion-dollar bailouts of the bankers and super-rich. These programs must be opposed through a mass political mobilization of students and the entire working class.

This means a struggle for a new form of social organization; one that starts with social need rather than private profit and in which the main levers of the economy, including the banks, are publicly owned and democratically controlled. It is a struggle for the only alternative to capitalism: that is, for socialism.

Join us for a public meeting in which we will discuss the way forward in the defense of education.

Public Meeting

Wednesday, April 28 | 5-7 PM

Cornell University | Goldwin Smith 142

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