

**DEFEND PUBLIC EDUCATION!**  
**RALLY AND CALL TO ACTION**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH**  
**\* 6 PM \* OLD COURTHOUSE, ST. LOUIS**

“Education Builds Democracy and Changes Society”

Join local and national educators for a rally in defense of public education!

Wednesday, April 30th at 6 pm at the Old Courthouse, St. Louis  
11 N. Fourth Street St. Louis, MO 63102

Free, public education is the cornerstone of a democracy. Public education is under siege by those seeking to privatize it for a profit. Together, we will call for a more equitable system of public education for all and ensure literacy as a basic civil right.

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Literacy for Social Justice Teacher Research Group [www.umsl.edu/~lsjtrq/](http://www.umsl.edu/~lsjtrq/)

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY!**

## Defend Public Education Rally!

### PROGRAM

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Old Courthouse, St. Louis

Thunderheart, traditional Native American drummers

#### WELCOME:

Rebecca Rogers, Literacy for Social Justice Teacher Research Group, Acting for a Better Community Committee, Professor of Education, UMSL

Ora Lewis-Clark, YMCA Literacy Programs, Advocate for Adult Literacy Education

Donna Jones, Parent, member of the Elected School Board, St. Louis Public Schools

“Democracy Anthem” performed by Terrell Payne (graduate of SLPS) & Charles Murphy, Teacher at Roosevelt High School

Chad Beffa, parent, public school advocate, and candidate for Missouri State Representative 67th District~ endorsed by Dr. Diana Bourisaw

Byron Clemens, Regional Vice President, AFT Missouri

Declaration: Jessica, ABC’s of Literacy Intern

Literacy President: Jackie Taylor, Literacy President Group

Chuc Smith, Instead of War and Retired SLPS Math Teacher

Cynthia Peters, World Education and The Change Agent

CLOSING: Posting of protest signs

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