A GROWING NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARDS ARE PASSING RESOLUTIONS IN OPPOSITION AS MORE DATA CENTERS POP UP WITHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

NO DATA CENTER!

PUBLIC SCHOOL STRONG

TAX BREAKS FOR DATA CENTERS DRAIN SCHOOL FUNDING WHILE CORPORATIONS PROFIT. FUNDING THAT COULD SUPPORT HIGHER PAY FOR EDUCATORS, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE INSTEAD GO TOWARDS SUBSIDIZING PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

OUR KIDS' FUTURES ARE AT STAKE. NOT ONLY THAT, AI WILL LEAD TO JOB LOSS FOR EDUCATORS. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, DATA CENTERS INCREASE UTILITY COSTS FOR SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

"OUR KIDS ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE, MOST PRECIOUS COMMODITY, AND WE'RE SELLING OFF THEIR FUTURES FOR DATA PROCESSING AND SERVERS AND MEMORY STORAGE AND AI," SAYS DR. FORD.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

SPREAD YOUR VOICE

"SCHOOL BOARDS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAY 'YOU CAN'T BUILD THE DATA CENTER,' BUT THEIR VOICES ARE POWERFUL," SAYS DR. BONIFACIO ALEMAN, ORGANIZING CO-DIRECTOR FOR KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

"SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE OFTEN THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THEY'RE MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS AS CONSUMERS OF ENERGY. IF WE GET A WHOLE BUNCH OF SCHOOL BOARDS STANDING UP AGAINST DATA CENTERS WE COULD BUILD A NATIONAL MOVEMENT."

HARMFUL TOXINS, NOISE POLLUTION AND HEAT ISLANDS ARE ALL IMPACTS FELT BY ENTIRE COMMUNITIES, BUT ARE ESPECIALLY HARMFUL FOR CHILDREN WHOSE IMMUNE SYSTEMS AND LUNGS ARE STILL DEVELOPING.

ALONG WITH AIR POLLUTION, STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS REPORT NOISE POLLUTION, INCLUDING LOUD BUZZING, THAT MAKES CONCENTRATION DIFFICULT AND KEEPS STUDENTS INSIDE. STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT THE NOISE FROM DATA CENTERS IS WELL ABOVE RECOMMENDED LEVELS FOR CLASSROOMS AND STUDENTS PAY THE PRICE ACADEMICALLY.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NEARLY 2,000 US SCHOOLS ARE LOCATED WITHIN A MILE OF A DATA CENTER, OR ONE THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION?

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LEARN MORE WITH THE KIDS OVER CORPORATIONS TOOLKIT. THIS RESOURCE IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU ORGANIZE YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES AGAINST HARMFUL DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT.

ALL STUDENTS DESERVE A FUTURE WHERE TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS THEM AND DOESN'T ROB THEM OF RESOURCES.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- FIND PEOPLE YOU CAN BUILD ACTION WITH.
- MOBILIZE YOUR COMMUNITY
- PROPOSE A SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION
- HOST A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.

YOU CAN STILL TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE HARM AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY IF DATA CENTERS ALREADY EXIST, OR PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

DON'T FORGET, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE STRONGER TOGETHER!