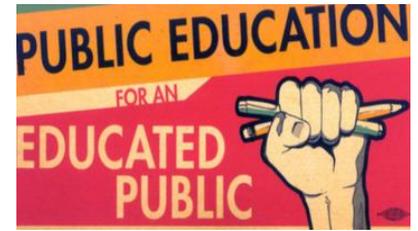


THE WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE IN DEFENSE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REACHES THE U.S.

- LT SALUTES THE HISTORIC AND CONTINUING STRUGGLES OF EVERYDAY TEACHERS FROM LARGELY REPUBLICAN DOMINATED STATES FOR WAGE; HEALTH BENEFIT AND PENSION RIGHTS.
- LT CONDEMNS THE REPUBLICAN LEAD WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS WITH THE ULTRA RIGHT-WING SEC OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS SEEKING TO TURN PUBLIC EDUCATION INTO A PROFIT STREAM FOR THE WEALTHY
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- LT SALUTES THE OBJECTIVE UNITY TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE HEROIC ANTI GUN STUDENTS AND THEIR MARCH 24 AND APRIL 20 LEAD NATIONAL STRIKES WITH TEACHERS IN STRUGGLE FOR THEIR RIGHTS
- AND, LT URGES GREATER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION OF TEACHERS (FISE) WHICH JUST COMPLETED ITS MEXICO CITY CONGRESS AND PASSED A MANIFESTO AND RESOLUTIONS HONORING THESE STRUGGLES IN THE U.S. <http://www.wftufise.org/en>



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THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC How did Arizona's #RedForEd movement start?

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April 20, 2018 Galvanized by the West Virginia teacher strike, a group of about a dozen [Arizona educators gathered together on social media](#) over the first weekend in March. In a newly-created Facebook page, Arizona Educators United, they organized the first #RedForEd demonstration asking people to simply show up to work wearing red.

Arizona teachers wear red, talk strike amid frustration over low wages

March 7, 2018 Arizona teachers wore red to school Wednesday in protest of what many described as the state's lethargic response to a teacher crisis that's [driven thousands of qualified educators out of the classroom](#).

A group of [Arizona teachers spontaneously organized the #RedForEd](#) grassroots effort — which has spurred talks on social media of a possible strike — over the weekend.

Thousands of the state's classroom teachers participated. As of Wednesday afternoon, more than 20,000 people had joined Arizona Educators United, a closed Facebook page that teachers created Sunday for the demonstration.

'Schools will stay closed until we get what we are asking for,' Oklahoma teachers union president says



March 8, 2018 OKLAHOMA CITY — Leaders of the Oklahoma Education Association on Thursday unveiled the specifics of their demand for \$10,000 teacher pay raises and said new legislative talk of \$2,000 raises would not stop public school teachers from walking out en masse on April 2.



Bevin signs pension reform bill into law Tuesday. Here's how it impacts teachers

March 8, 2018 Gov. Matt Bevin signed the controversial pension reform bill into law on Tuesday hours before a midnight deadline to formally reject or accept the bill would have been reached. New Kentucky teachers will no longer be guaranteed defined retirement benefits. Instead, they will be placed into a "hybrid" retirement plan that includes features of both a traditional pension — like teachers in Kentucky have now — and a 401(k)-style savings plan. In this hybrid plan, teachers would contribute 9.1 percent of their salary to the plan, while employers would contribute 8 percent. The plan is portable, meaning that if future teachers decide to leave Kentucky public schools, they can take their plan and benefits with them.



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