

The Threat of Charter Schools

5:30 pm PT, 6:30 MT, 7:30 CT, 8:30 ET, **Wed, May 7, 2025**

Hear from:

- **Dave Cash**, President, United Teachers of New Orleans
- **Karen Francisco**, Advocates for Public Education Policy (Colorado)
- **Casandra Ulbrich, Ph.D.**, Network for Public Education
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- **Jitu Brown**, Journey for Justice, Chicago Board of Education
- **Don Fitz**, Green Party of St. Louis (Moderator)

The near total privatization of New Orleans public schools had devastating consequences for communities, teaching staff, and students. Charter schools are linked to right-wing forces that seem unconcerned with effects of school closings. They are part of a greater scheme to privatize medicare, social security, the postal service, and parks and forests and affect other benefits that all should enjoy. Charter schools can undermine public school financing via “sweeps” contracts and excessive lease agreements. It is possible to improve working conditions at charter schools through organizing, negotiating, and striking when necessary. The webinar will explore tactics and strategy for resisting school closures.



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