

PURE Facts

Parents! You need to know the Truth about Stand for Children

Stand for Children is a wolf in sheep's clothing - even worse, SFC stole the sheep's clothing from a legitimate Oregon parent group that *used to fight for good things* like more school funding, health care and smaller class size.

What does Stand stand for now?

- Closing neighborhood schools
- Expanding charter schools
- Evaluating teachers using unreliable standardized test scores
- Replacing teachers with “online learning”

Who does Stand really speak for? *Not parents. Not children.* SFC is a front for corporations, hedge funders and investment bankers who have thrown their wealth behind a national campaign to destroy teachers unions and privatize our public schools. Bill Gates, the Walmart family, New Profit venture fund, J P Morgan Chase, etc. have donated millions to SFC over the past 2-3 years, allowing it to expand to Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.



What does Stand do? Their main focus is on pushing state legislation to support their goals of privatization and union busting. In their first year in Illinois, they raised \$3 million to donate to select state candidates and hire 11 lobbyists to push Senate Bill 7 which allowed the Chicago Public Schools to have the final word on any teacher issue where the union disagreed.

Their leader, Jonah Edelman, later boasted publicly that they were able to “jam this proposal down their throats.”

Warning to parents from a former SFC member:

“My fear is that unwitting parents and community members will join Stand because they want to rectify the problems they see every day in their children’s public schools, such as underfunding, lack of arts programs, large class sizes and cuts to the school year, only to find that they get *roped into very different goals*. . . I worry we will lose a truly democratic discussion and action on education weighted in favor of corporate reforms.”

Parents Across America member and former Oregon Stand member Susan Barrett

For more information, take a look at:

www.parentsacrossamerica.org blog posts by former Oregon SFC members Susan Barrett and Tom Olsen, and Rethinking Schools, Fall 2011 issue, “For or Against Children,” by Ken Libby and Adam Sanchez.

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