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Youth **ROC!** WISCONSIN

YOUTH RECLAIMING OUR COMMUNITIES

“No one ever asks us our opinion. The truth is, we have the most to lose when our schools aren’t working right, and the most to gain when they are.”

— *High School Student*

Reclaiming OUR
Communities —
Demanding Adequate
Funding for ALL Schools!



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Youth Reclaiming our Communities (ROC) is a statewide network of high school students who are committed to building a youth movement around school funding reform so that all students have access to a quality public education.

Our goal is to ensure that all students in Wisconsin attend schools that have enough funding for highly qualified teachers, vocational and tech programs, athletics, honors, specialty and AP classes, ethnic studies, college and career preparations, creative arts as well as counseling and support services.



We believe that the only way to achieve our goal is to reform the way Wisconsin funds its public schools. To achieve this goal, we are committed to organizing in our individual schools and communities, through unified and collective actions!



Youth ROC student organizers actively advocating for School Funding Reform



Youth ROC Organizing Team

The organizing team is made up of students from urban, rural, and suburban school districts. Students decide on and organize collective actions in their individual schools through an established school club. The organizing team meets together as a group



twice a month for training and makes decisions about the direction of the organization.

As a member of the organizing team you will:

- Build leadership, public speaking, and writing skills
- Learn how the political system works and lobby your elected officials
- Link up with students from across Wisconsin
- Strengthen understanding of how the current system hurts students

Organizing Team Activities

- Plan statewide events
- Attend two meetings per month for leadership development and training
- Organize student-led dialogues in individual schools and communities around school funding, budget cuts, and other issues facing youth in schools
- Design and administer a student survey to find out what is really going on in our schools
- Represent youth on a statewide level to politicians, administrators, and parents
- Participate in student exchange between high schools

School Clubs

Anyone can participate in their school's club. Members will meet in their individual schools and help implement coordinated actions with other schools, build leadership and awareness on school funding issues, participate in dialogues about issues youth face in schools, and work to create change in their schools.