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**Keep Public Schools Open and Public**  
**Rally and Speak Out**  
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**5:30pm Pack the School Board Meeting**



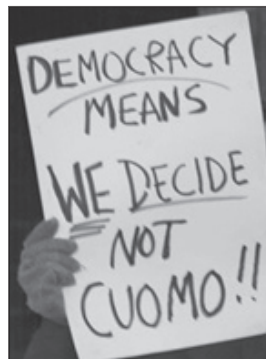
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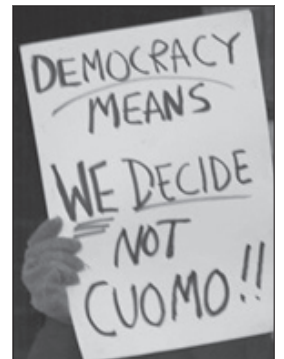
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We say No! *Join the resistance.* These are our schools, we built and paid for them and they belong to the public. Come to the public meetings and demand the school board stand up to **Keep the Public in Public Schools!**

Now is the time to Speak Out. Education is a right, a right that belongs equally to all. Instead of closing our schools or giving them to rich private interests, let the teachers, staff, parents and students decide!

***Yes to the Plans Created by the Schools, Yes to Public Control!***

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