



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE STATE TAKES OVER SCHOOLS?

Let's look at the facts >>>>

# STATE TAKEOVER LOOKS LIKE...



- Empowerment Zone
- Receivership
- Turnaround

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Up to 100% of teachers in a school can be replaced. Students are often left with less experienced and less diverse staff.



*\*95% of teachers left the Dever Elementary School when it went into receivership in 2014. The percentage of Latino teachers went dropped from 37% to 15%.*

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Popular programs are often dismantled without any say from students and parents.



*\*The popular Spanish Dual Language program at the Dever Elementary School was dismantled when it went into state receivership, despite parent protests.*

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Student learning is often reduced to test prep in Math and ELA.



*\*In one middle school in Springfield, the school day was lengthened but arts and foreign language were cut.*

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Democracy is eroded.  
Unelected appointees  
take power away from  
majority Black and  
Latino communities.



*\*Every district and school that  
has been taken over by the state  
has been majority Black and  
Latino. The unelected state board  
that puts districts into  
receivership is majority white.*

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Schools and districts are chosen for takeover based on a biased, inaccurate, and racially discriminatory system that puts primary emphasis on standardized test scores.



*\*A 2020 study of MA accountability system: “the schools most likely to be sanctioned are the schools serving the largest shares of the least advantaged... the existing system appears to reflect demography more than it does school quality.”*

# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Schools are further  
segregated by race  
and class.



*\*A 2022 study of accountability systems similar to that used in MA found that such systems “are likely to direct households to low-minority rather than higher-quality schools, while penalizing schools that improve achievement for less-advantaged groups.*



# STATE TAKEOVER MEANS...

Hard won contractual protections for students and educators are on the chopping block.



*\*State law gives appointed leaders the power to “limit, suspend or change one or more provisions of any contract or collective bargaining agreement.”*