

FACT SHEET

In communities across the country, families are calling for fundamental changes to how our children are educated and an equity-infused recovery from the pandemic.

We don't want to return to "normal."

We already know school district leaders and elected school boards are ill-equipped to serve the best interests of all students, a problem exacerbated by the pandemic.

Accountability is even more urgent now that K-12 schools are receiving \$122 billion in relief runder the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund.

We cannot allow school leaders and elected officials to squander billions of dollars that will determine education outcomes for tens of millions of our children.

That is why the **National Parents Union**, a network of parent organizations and grassroots activists advocating for a higher quality education and quality of life for children across the U.S., **launched the watchdog campaign**, **Everyday Parents Impacting Change (EPIC)**.

In partnership with families and advocates in communities nationwide, EPIC will:

- 1. Demand transparency from federal, state and local elected officials
- 2. Ensure that school boards/districts are authentically engaging families in the decision-making process at every turn
- 3. Verify that funding is spent on student-centered investments that are rooted in access and equity for children most in need

We are the moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, god-parents, step-parents and friends fighting daily to give our children a better education.

Join us to Disrupt the Status Quo: School Board Edition!