

Dear **BACKPACK** Friends and Supporters,

We want to share some good news. **BACKPACK FULL OF CASH**—a documentary film narrated by **Matt Damon**, that explores the impact of privatizing public schools—is now finished, updated and complete with a new Epilogue. With the appointment of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos—a longtime advocate of charter schools, vouchers and online schools, there is a **pressing need for public awareness of these issues**. **BACKPACK** seems to be striking a nerve with audiences.

We just showed **BACKPACK** to sold-out crowds at film festivals in Nashville and Washington, DC where the film won Runner Up–Audience Award, Best Documentary. We are getting many requests for screenings from around the country—and the world! If you or someone you know would like to host a screening, please visit [our website](#). You can also make a donation—now urgently needed—to help us launch the outreach/ distribution campaign for the film.

We have been invited to show **BACKPACK FULL OF CASH** in Seattle, WA and Alberta, Canada in May/June. If you know anyone in these areas who would be interested, please help us spread the word. Here is the schedule and ticket info:

BACKPACK FULL OF CASH SCREENINGS



SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

(filmmakers in attendance at June screenings only)

Friday, 5/19 at 3:30pm at SIFF Cinema Uptown

Tuesday, 6/6 at 7:00pm at AMC Pacific Place

Wednesday, 6/7 at 4:30pm at AMC Pacific Place

[Click here for tickets.](#)



ALBERTA, CANADA

presented by **Support Our Students Alberta**,

sponsored by Alberta Federation of Labour

(filmmakers in attendance in Calgary only)

Thursday, 5/25 at 7:00pm in **CALGARY**, Globe Cinema

Saturday, 5/27 at 7:00pm **EDMONTON**, Art Gallery of Alberta, Ledcor Theater

Tuesday, 5/30 at 7:00pm in **LETHBRIDGE**, City of Lethbridge Sterndale Bennett Theater

Thursday, 6/1 at 7:00pm in **RED DEER**, Red Deer College, Welikoland Cinema

[Click here for tickets.](#)

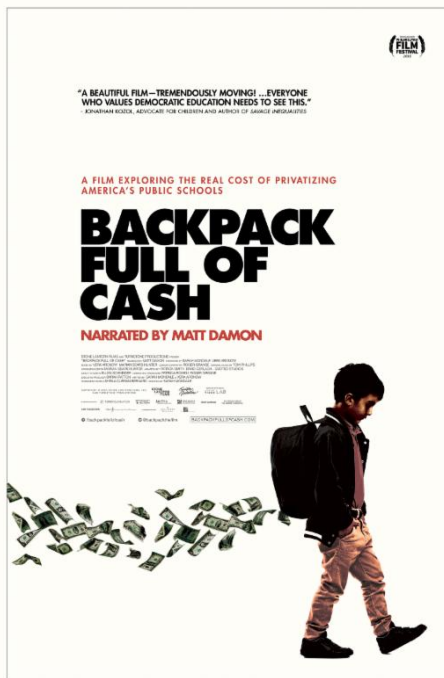
Thanks again for your support.

Sarah Mondale, Vera Aronow, and the **BACKPACK** Film Team

FOLLOW US!



BACKPACK FULL OF CASH is a documentary about the real cost of privatizing America's public schools.



*"One of the ways a society shows its love of children is by the institutions it builds around them."
– Helen Gym, co-founder of Parents United for Public Education –*