



The power of citizen action to bring about change in our schools is in the air. In recent weeks, all of us have been stirred by the student demonstrations and teacher walkouts that started in West Virginia and spread to Oklahoma, Kentucky,

Arizona and other states. We stand with the parents and teachers across the US in their fight for a better future for our children.

image from Bonnie Blumert

What Can We Do?

After watching BACKPACK, many citizens are inspired to take action themselves. We are often asked 'WHAT CAN WE DO?' This is a key question, especially as the November elections approach. We are gathering ideas for a new interactive page on our website but in the meantime here are a few tips:

- Connect with a group in your area working to make quality K-12 public education for all a major issue.
- Write letters to the editor.
- Ask candidates where they stand on fair funding, supporting teachers as professionals & resisting attempts to privatize public ed.
- Consider inviting candidates and elected officials to a **screening & community discussion** of Backpack Full of Cash

It's the one year anniversary of Backpack Full of Cash!

In Spring 2017 we held our breath and showed the film to the public for the first time. It had taken five years to make and was completed with the help of so many people. Overwhelmed by the response, we launched a grassroots screening campaign. Now the film is part of a larger movement that is gaining momentum across the globe.

Σχολική τσάντα γεμάτη μετρητά!

[pronounced Sholik'i ts'anda gem'ati metrit'a] BACKPACK is screening in Athens, Greece on April 29th. Send us a postcard if you happen to go!

Find out if a screening is happening in your area:

[Click here for a list of upcoming community screenings and discussions](#)



Clockwise from top: *Bohm Theater Marquee in Albion, MI; Filmmaker Sarah Mondale chats with a student from Albion College at pre-screening reception; Sarah Mondale with the College of Education faculty at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI.*

Find out how Bertis Downs set up TWO sold out screenings of *Backpack Full of Cash* in Athens, Georgia in this how-to video.



LINDA BROWN (1942- 2018)

At the center of the landmark Supreme Court case that overturned legalized segregation in American schools, Linda Brown of Topeka, KS died March 25th at the age of 76. Filmmaker Sarah Mondale — director of *Backpack Full of Cash* — had the honor of interviewing her in 1995 for our PBS series *SCHOOL: The Story of American Public Education*, narrated by Meryl Streep.

Watch the clip below where Linda describes her historic walk to school with her father — one of the most fateful journeys of the 20th century.



Are you ready to host a screening of *Backpack Full of Cash* and a community discussion? We make it easy...

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