

Dear friend,

Join us this Sunday as we march for justice, freedom and dignity for our children, 2:00 pm starting at Pleasantville High School, 701 Mill Road, Pleasantville NJ.

You can sign up at buildingoneamerica.org/no2racist-secession

This Sunday, March 21 is the 56th anniversary of the start of Dr. King's historic march from Selma to Montgomery to confront Alabama's segregationist governor.

Here in New Jersey we have been tolerating levels of racial and economic segregation in our schools not seen since the days of Jim Crow in the South.

Segregation is harming *all* our children and Covid-19 has only deepened the disparities and the damage it inflicts.

Tragically, instead of getting better, school segregation is getting worse and is being made worse by people who wish to further segregate and isolate schools with predominantly black and brown children.

Across the state there are active efforts to allow majority white, middle-class schools to secede from majority black, brown and poor districts.

One of those petitions to Governor Murphy's new education commissioner seeks to "terminate" the send / receive relationship between the Absecon and Pleasantville school districts here in Atlantic County. This act, if approved, would increase segregation and violate our state's constitution. And the same cabal of highly paid lawyers and consultants are using the same secessionist tactics all across the state to further isolate already poor and isolated children.

On March 21 we will march to Absecon to demand a halt to secession and an end to intentional structures of racial segregation anywhere in our state.

Racial and economic segregation is not an accident nor is it a choice. It's a result of deliberate policies and actions like these that go unnoticed and unchallenged. It's time we confronted this glaring example of structural and systemic racism right here in our region and our state.

Please join us for this important action to challenge segregation and demand a broad and transformative solution to the problem of school segregation here and across New Jersey. Sign up at buildingoneamerica.org/no2racist-secession to let us know you will be there.

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