



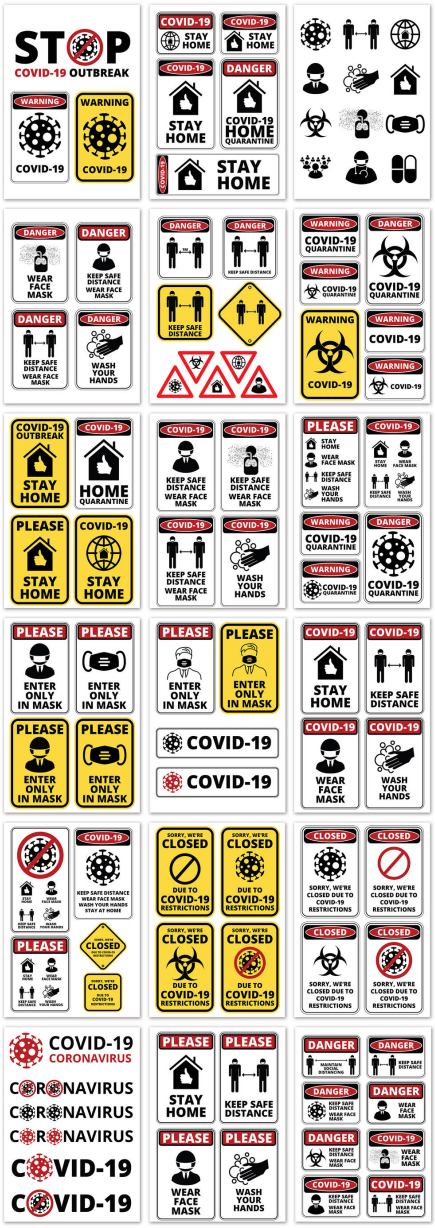

PUBLIC TRIBUNAL

The truth about school reopening & COVID-19: student safety and the fight for equality

Saturday, February 20th

3pm (Eastern)
12pm (Pacific)

on Zoom: **bamn.com/covidtribunal**

*Simultaneous Spanish translation will be available

Speaker panel will include students, parents, teachers, school workers, activists and union leaders.
Featured speaker: Shanta Driver, National Chair of BAMN and attorney for the case against school openings in Detroit

The Biden administration is continuing Trump's push to reopen schools and reopen the economy in a deadly drive for corporate profits. The CDC and other public health officials have lined up behind the policy, creating guidelines based on pseudoscience aimed at justifying school reopening to provide daycare for broader economic reopening. They falsely claim that schools and children play no significant role in spreading the virus, that COVID barely affects children, and that vaccinating teachers is not a necessary requirement for reopening schools. Defeating the pandemic and preventing millions more unnecessary deaths requires policies based on real science that starts from the standpoint of defeating the pandemic and saving lives.

The only force that has actually succeeded in saving lives and reducing the spread of the virus is the new civil rights movement taking matters into our own hands: taking direct actions to shut down schools. Parents and students have refused to step back into school buildings. Teachers and school workers have threatened to strike. No amount of lies and pseudoscientific studies can make us forget the enormous loss, illness and trauma we have already suffered, especially in black and Latina/o communities, from this virus. Our movement is the only power that can lead the way out of this crisis, because it is the only force prioritizing human life and fighting for the truth.

BAMN will be holding a series of public tribunals to put the deadly reopening policies on trial and to arm the movement with the truth. Millions of people have been taking action to keep children safe from harm, making sure that the schools remain closed. These protective actions, based on common sense and compassion, must become the real policy of the nation as a whole.

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