



Parent Unity Across Communities Padres Unidos Cruzando Comunidades

Newsletter for Parents by Parents  Boletín para Padres creado por Padres

March 2018 Calendar of Events

Don't forget to
vote on **March 20**
Illinois Primary
Election- if you're
eligible



Early Learning Campaign Mighty Math Event



Thursday, March 22 2018
COFI Office
(1436 W. Randolph St. 4th
Floor) 10:00am–Noon
Bring your babies and toddlers

Statewide Membership Meeting Springfield, IL April 6, 2018

Chicago Membership Meeting April 20, 2018

Chicago Teachers Union Foundation
1901 W. Carroll Ave Chicago, IL

RSVP for each event at 312-226-5141

Campaign Strategy Teams are up and running and busy moving actions forward!

Early Learning Campaign

The ELC Strategy Team worked through the “Road to Success” from pregnancy to kindergarten and identified gaps in services and resources, where too many kids fall through the cracks.

COFI organizers are setting up a workshop for POWER-PACers to learn how to carry out an Early Intervention screening.

POWER-PAC parent leaders are serving on the Kindergarten Transition Advisory Committee– to include the parent voice and experience in recommendations to the State.

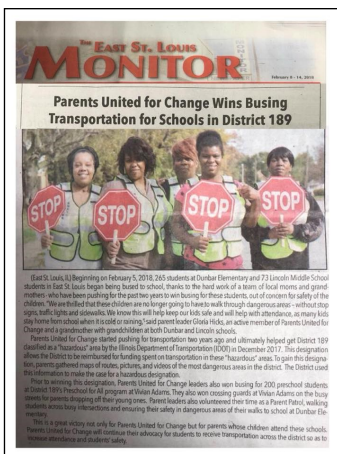
STOP Campaign: Stopping the Debt Spiral

POWER-PAC Illinois parent leaders from East St. Louis and Chicago went to Springfield to meet with their representatives and about the Currency Exchange rate increase.

Parents in Chicago participated in a press conference to fight back on the People's Gas rate increase. The STOP Campaign is supporting HB4898 which will restore rates at a pace that will have a less severe impact for families.

Branch Spotlight

Congrats to Parents United for Change (PUC) who made it to the front page of the local East St. Louis paper, *The East St. Louis Monitor!*



Parents United for Change won bus transportation for over 300 children in their district.

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Elementary Justice Campaign

Chicago Police have agreed to develop a one-pager based in part on POWER-PAC's recommendations on police roles in schools. Look for it in the coming months.

Check out recent press featuring COFI/POWER-PAC
www.cofionline.org/about/in-the-media/