



Moral Mondays IOWA Mission:

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Moral Mondays IOWA is a collaborative project designed to highlight the progress at work in the Iowa legislature. A coalition of over 25 progressive Iowa organizations, MMI proactively supports the moral good sought through policies that span a range of progressive issues and works for the advancement of Iowa values like equality, fairness, and justice.

Date: February 27, 2017 | Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Subject: Threats to Quality Public Education: ESAs, STOs, and more

Speakers: Rep. Sharon Steckman (D-Mason City)
Melissa Peterson, Government Relations, Iowa State Education Association

Description: One of the most important battles facing our state and progressive Iowans is the ongoing need to adequately fund and protect Iowa's public education system. Attacks on our public schools and teachers seem endless. There are multiple ways conservatives are trying to underfund and devalue public education and divert public funds to fund the private choices of a small number of families. Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), which are really vouchers, and School Tuition Organizations (STOs) are part of that agenda. Please join us at Moral Mondays IOWA to learn about these threats and how you can use your voice to protect public education for all Iowa children.

Location: Room 304, Iowa Capitol (From the ground floor, go past the cafeteria in the north hallway. Take the elevator at the far end of the hallway to the third floor behind the House Chambers.)

Sponsoring Organizations:

AFSCME Iowa Council 61	Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance
American Association of University Women, Iowa Branch	Iowa Safe Schools
Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace	Iowa State Education Association
Every Child Counts	Iowa Unitarian Universalist Witness/Advocacy Network
Family Planning Council of Iowa	Iowans for Gun Safety
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa Action Fund	League of Women Voters of Iowa
Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans	Methodist Federation for Social Action
Iowa Behavioral Health Association	National Association of Social Workers, Iowa Chapter
Iowa Citizen Action Network	One Iowa
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement	Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Iowa Conference, United Church of Christ (Board of Directors & staff)	Plymouth UCC Peace Committee (Des Moines)
Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church Legislative Advocacy Team	Progress Iowa
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO	Soaring Hearts Foundation
	Walnut Hills United Methodist Church Social Justice Committee

Please note: The listing of an organizational name does not infer support or opposition to any particular issue or bill but is simply an indicator of the organization's support of the broader mission of the Moral Mondays IOWA coalition.