

DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

INSPIRING AND ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES TO BUILD VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS EMPOWERED TO PURSUE SOCIAL JUSTICE.

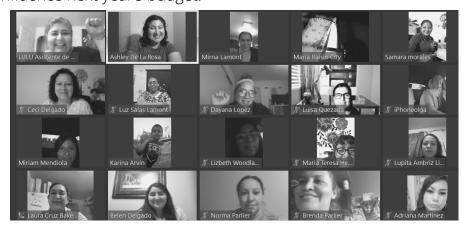
LOCAL CONTROL STARTS WITH PEOPLE POWER

The pandemic has exposed like never before our society's inequities including those faced by students that come from historically disenfranchised communities including: English Language Learners, low-income students, foster youth and students experiencing homelessness. Given the tools and support to be agents of change, those most impacted by the inequities can lead us to real transformative solutions. The Dolores Huerta Foundation has been working with our Vecinos Unidos® members to make sure their voices are centered in the school district budgeting process.

Throughout the months of March and April, the Dolores Huerta Foundation Education team provided parents with the knowledge and tools to make their voices heard to demand that school districts provide the support students in the Kern, Tulare and Fresno counties need. DHFs education department hosted four trainings focused on the school district budgeting process known as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) with 45 Vecinos Unidos® members in attendance. As an outcome of our LCAP training, parents were empowered to host their own LCAP community town halls and invite school district leadership such as Superintendents, School board members, and Directors of Student Services to share their experiences to influence next year's budget.

In April, we hosted two regional LCAP community town halls with 28 Vecinos Unidos® members advocating for 35 LCAP recommendations to six district leadership representatives. All recommendations focused on the improvement of mental health services, school meal access, more nutritious school meals, and better parent engagement for all parents. Empowered parents, students, and community members will continue to advocate to close the educational inequities through the school budgeting process.

Want to get involved? Please contact, Ashley De La Rosa at <u>Adelarosa@doloreshuerta.org</u>, or (661)322-3033 ext. 1231



DHF IS HONORED WITH NO KID HUNGRY AWARD!





The Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF) is thrilled to announce that we are one of only ten national No Kid Hungry award recipients. No Kid Hungry, a campaign of Share Our Strength, knows that since school campuses closed nearly a year ago due to the pandemic, making FREE meals available to children is key to their health and academic success. America's kids need us. COVID-19 has impacted millions of vulnerable children who are losing the school meals they depend on. For some, it's the only food they'll receive in a given day. Food insecurity is a growing concern among many families, particularly in the wake of this pandemic, when one in four children could face hunger this year. DHF believes that no kid should go hungry and that is why with the support of our Vecinos Unidos® chapter members, we've worked to make sure children throughout the central valley have access to healthy meals, especially in rural farmworker areas and our work is not done until no child is hungry! (Pictured below, right to left: Education Policy Program Director, Ashley & Deputy Director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, Cecilia.)



Join us as we urge Gov. Newsom, Speaker Anthony Rendon & President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins to pass AB4 to extend health care coverage to our undocumented community. Providing health care is a human right. For more information & how to get involved, please contact Lori Pesante at Lpesante@doloreshuerta.org

> For more information on how you can join the Vecinos Unidos® contact 1-833-564-6343 or 1-833-JOIN-DHF To support the organizing work of the Dolores Hueta Foundation, please visit Give2DHF.org