



Milwaukee, April, 2026

Re. Letter to Principals and Administrators for May Day 2026

Dear Principal _____,

We respectfully request that you allow students to leave school without retaliation to participate in the May 1st statewide labor and civil rights march and national day of action in Milwaukee and Madison from 10am to 2pm, pending their parent/guardian's permission. This action is in coalition with Youth Empowered in the Struggle (YES), the student-led branch of Voces de la Frontera.

This Wisconsin tradition elevates students, workers, and civil rights movements across the nation, and elevates federal, state, and local demands. This year, students are demanding the abolition of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from our schools and communities, nutritious school lunches, and no School Resource Officers on our campuses. These issues are incredibly important to students, and as per Resolution 2223R-017, Milwaukee Public School students are allowed to participate in such activities as part of their own civic engagement.

The statewide actions will take place in both Milwaukee and Madison. In **Milwaukee**, the march will begin at 10 a.m. at 733 W. Historic Mitchell Street and is anticipated to conclude at 2 p.m.

In **Madison**, participants will gather at 1 p.m. at the State Capitol for a coordinated rally and program highlighting our state and national demands.

Your schools are the bedrock of our communities, where parents send their children to get an education from hardworking teachers and feel welcomed in a safe learning environment. As we have seen in Minneapolis and Chicago, teachers and students do not want ICE in their schools and communities, and are exercising their First Amendment right to free speech in order to protect themselves and others.

We ask that school administration allow students to participate and contribute, provided they have their parents' or **guardians' permission**. Additionally, we urge you to take action by advocating for our state and federal priorities. Please call or email your state legislators to support driver's licenses for all and oppose Bill 24, which would expand police collaboration with ICE. At the federal level, we call on you to reject policies that criminalize immigrants and separate families.

Please contact my assistant, Valeria Miller, at valeria@vdlf.org if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Christine Neumann-Ortiz
Executive Director, Voces de la Frontera