

WASHINGTON, D.C. UNION TRIES TO BUY CONTROL OF IDAHO SCHOOLS! AND THE UNION MAY WIN!

Recent election disclosure reports show the Unions have already spent over \$1.3 million to take control of Idaho schools by defeating Propositions 1 and 2! **And they are expected to spend millions more in the next three weeks!** Only once in history has Idaho ever seen similar huge expenditures from influences outside the state, and that is when the Unions spent \$2.8 million to try to take down Idaho's right-to-work laws in 1986. We defeated them then. We must defeat them again!

Almost two years ago, Governor Otter and the Idaho Legislature passed education reform to improve Idaho schools. In our opinion, **Propositions 1 and 2** are critically important because these laws took control of our schools away from the Unions and placed control of our schools in the hands of parents and our local school boards. The new laws made it possible to deal effectively with poorly performing teachers and to reward our most exceptional teachers with financial bonuses. They also required negotiations with the Unions to occur in open public rather than behind closed doors.

We now know the national teachers union in Washington, D.C. (NEA) is spending millions of dollars in Idaho to try to regain control of Idaho schools by trying to defeat **Propositions 1, 2 and 3**. They are misinforming the public as to what the laws say. In addition, they are trying to disparage the laws by calling them "The Luna Laws" when they were actually passed by our elected legislature and endorsed by Governor Otter.

Some in the liberal press are trying to help the Unions by also calling the laws "The Luna Laws" and not informing the public about the NEA's horrendously large expenditure (**OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS SO FAR!**) to take control of Idaho schools. The press has been alarmingly silent. The press appears to believe that if the public is not aware, the Unions will have a much better chance of success. In other words, an uninformed public is better for the liberal agenda. This means the public must inform itself.

While Proposition 3 would bring much-needed technology into the classroom and greatly increase students' computer skills, the defeat of Prop 3 would not destroy our school system. If Prop 3 fails, we will have to work to make sure that all children have equal access and opportunity. Getting the proper technology into Idaho schools can be addressed with future legislation. **But if Propositions 1 and 2 are defeated, the Unions will control our schools for at least the next two decades.**

Idahoans have always believed in fairness. And this is not a fair fight. The NEA in Washington, D.C. is dumping millions of dollars into Idaho because they know that Idahoans cannot match their power or money. They consider Idaho schools a "cheap" buy. They may be right. We simply do not have the funds to fight the Union.

So please become informed. Don't believe the rhetoric from the Unions. Please protect our children.

Please vote "YES" on the Propositions.



Note: Melaleuca is a strong advocate for better schools because Melaleuca hires hundreds of Idaho college graduates every year. The education of our employees is essential as we compete globally. We feel it is imperative that our schools are controlled by parents and local school boards and not by the Unions.