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Gwinnett Parent-Led Education Organization Will Hold Rally and Museum Walk at Lawrenceville Historic Square

Georgia Parent Group Joins Coordinated Events Around the Country for Sep 29 – Oct 6: National Week of Action on School Pushout

Gwinnett County, GA – On Tuesday, October 2nd, members of the Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline (Gwinnett STOPP), ACLU of Georgia, and Softer Touch are bringing their voices to the Dignity in Schools Campaign's 3rd Annual National Week of Action on School Pushout by holding "A Haunted Education", a museum walk and rally at the Lawrenceville Historic Square. The tour guides will be the "Ghoulish Ghost Graduates" who are in limbo as is the case with students who have been pushed out of school by out-of-school suspensions and other harsh school discipline policies.

During the week of September 29 to October 6, the Dignity in Schools Campaign (DSC), a national coalition of more than 50 youth, parent, educator and advocacy organizations, will take part in the 3rd Annual National Week of Action on School Pushout to raise awareness about the more than 3 million students suspended out-of-school each year and call on states and school districts to implement positive discipline policies that improve the learning environment and keep students in school. Members of the DSC will hold marches, rallies, teach-ins and trainings in over 20 cities throughout the week.

This year's Week of Action follows the recent launch of the "Solutions Not Suspensions" initiative, a joint effort between the Dignity in Schools Campaign and Opportunity to Learn Campaign that calls for a nationwide moratorium on out-of-school suspensions, and the publication of the DSC's Model Code on Education and Dignity which lays out detailed policies, practices and implementation guidelines for transforming school climate and discipline models.

WHAT: A Haunted Education, a museum walk and rally as a part of the Dignity in Schools Campaign National Week of Action on School Pushout

WHEN: Tuesday, October 2, 2012 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Lawrenceville Historic Square; 185 Crogan St. in Lawrenceville, GA

WHO: Parents, youth, educators and education advocates with Gwinnett STOPP, ACLU of Georgia and Softer Touch.

The Gwinnett Parent Coalition to Dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline (Gwinnett STOPP) is a grassroots parent-led, community-centered organization in Gwinnett County. Members of the coalition, in addition to parents, include the ACLU of Georgia, the Georgia State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Rho Kappa Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and other community stakeholders. Gwinnett STOPP is an active member of the Dignity in Schools Campaign (DSC) and regularly partners with other state and local organizations.

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