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## EMPLOYEES...STUDENTS, Connect the Dots

Here I was, all prepared to wish OSU administrators a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Milad un Nabi, Kwanzaa, Omisoka, Shabe-Yalda, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, Yule and Festivus. **But what do you say to Grinch?** What do you say to people who, in order to kill the labor union representing 1500 OSU employees, are looking to contract out food services and student services?

A task force, appointed by Governor Kasich in February, has recently released its recommendations, one of which was the privatization of food services at all Ohio public universities.

And when food services go to a for profit group, who's going to pay for that profit? Will whoever gets

the contract skimp on the preparation or service of the food you're accustomed to? Or will they skimp on the quality of the food?

(Sodexo, a food management company was paying 6 cents more per pint of milk in Rhode Island in order to get a bigger kickback from the dairy). Or will they compete with fast food chains for the cheapest employees they can find? In order to keep their profit up, something will have to give. One other thing. They say the savings should go straight to the students. Keep a close eye on that one! The savings will come at your expense, but who will know where the savings, if there are any, will go.

The University of Kentucky privatized their food service in 2014. Aramark, a multi national company in 22 countries, was given a 15 year, \$245 million contract. So, how can Aramark pay so much, make a profit, and supply decent food for the students? Apparently

it cannot.

Journalist Atanas Golev spent an hour and a half surveying students outside the student center. Of these, some saw no change in food quality, some disliked the food and some hated it. No one thought it was better.

So, if it's only a recommendation, what makes me think that Ohio State will implement it? Geoff Chatas, chairman of the task force is also the chief financial officer for the Ohio State University. It is a recommendation for some universities, **but Ohio State students will be the lab rats! Look around!** Don't let the Ohio State University pull the chicken nuggets over your eyes. Ask questions. Don't settle for canned answers... or canned food.

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## déjà vu. It's SB5 all over again. HB 377 will make Ohio a so called right-to-work-state

The voter's spoke not long ago to insure that Ohio would not become a low-wage, no-benefits, unsafe state to try to make a living. But Rep. Tom Brinkman Jr. (R-Mt. Lookout) is spearheading the latest attempt to circumvent the voter's wishes.

With America's middle-class evaporating like morning dew, conservatives are attempting to turn up the heat to help everyone but Ohio workers. They talk about how manufacturers will be attracting to Ohio. **I am**

**sure, if we work for free, they will rush to Ohio. That would be great for the state. Right?**

And if this bill were to become

law, and we make less, the state will receive less in taxes. And if they give the businesses a tax break to settle here, where will the Ohio economy be? And on who's back

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will conservative politicians want to place the weight to save the state's economy?

Again? Look around!

No matter your politics, you must see the future these politicians

have in store for you. If you do not, they will get away with your living wage while they keep you looking everywhere but your pocketbooks.

Are you making too much money? How much of your salary can you afford to lose?

Please, please, please do not do this for me. Do not do it for the union. But do it for yourself and your families. **But realize that no one person standing alone can stop this crap that's coming down. No thousand people standing alone can do it. But a thousand people standing together???** Look around

## Stand by your teachers.

HB 70, signed by Gov. John Kasich, in a nutshell, creates the Youngstown Plan, which essentially takes control of a school district board of education and hands it over to a CEO to be appointed by a new five-member panel. Among the CEO's powers is making the decision to close failing schools and allow them to reopen as

charter schools.

Generally speaking, charter school teachers get paid a fraction of what public school teachers get paid. So the municipalities save money, right? Maybe. And good teachers flood into Ohio, right. Wrong. Look up statistics about the pay and benefit package and the quality of teaching in any state.

I reported before that the five states that do not allow collective bargaining for teachers are ranked 50th, 49th, 48th, 47th, and 44th in SAT/ACT scores. Do we really want to choose from the kind of teachers that is left after the best choose to leave Ohio?