

Who needs \$123K to run for a school board seat in a district with 31,000+ students? Has someone lost their way? Is our IPS up for \$ale again?

To whom it may concern:

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Just in case you have not seen this *Recorder* story, "Political groups give over \$200,000 to Charter friendly candidates for IPS" here's the link: [Political Groups Give \\$200,000 To Some Candidates In IPS Board Race](#).

This inordinate, almost obscene, amount of money--notably from out of state donors--just to run for a board seat in a school district with just 31,000+ students, raises deep concerns about how democratic is the institution of public education in Indianapolis: <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Purchasing-the-2012-2014-and-2016-IPS-school-board-elections.pdf>.

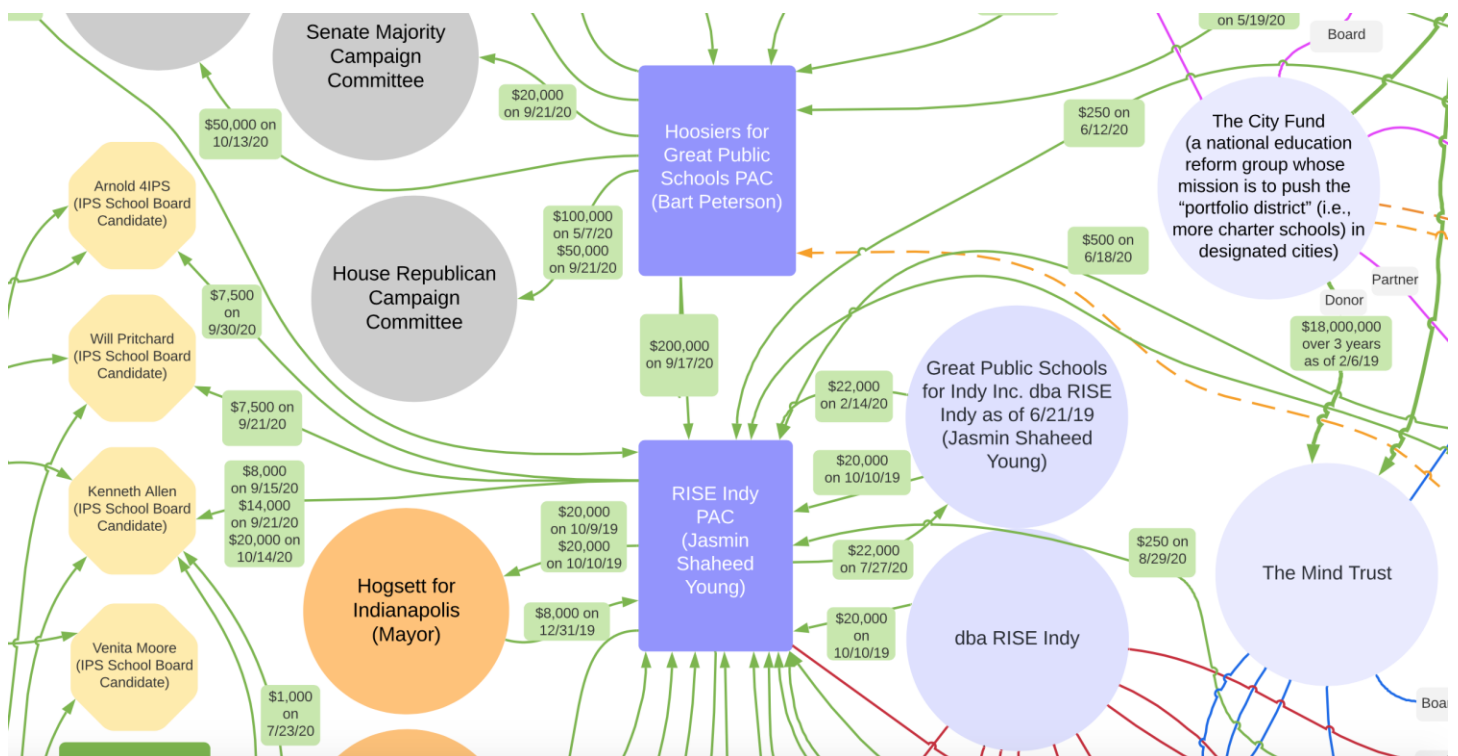
Who is flooding Indianapolis with such large amounts of money?

We know Stand for Children/Mind Trust are now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, using a 501c4 in Oregon, to elect their candidates.

We also know that Stand for Children, the Mind Trust, Rise Indy, and the Teachers Alliance for Equitable Public Schools (TAEPS) are all part of the same group of people out to buy and control IPS. They're funded by conservative white billionaires like Michael Bloomberg or Alice Walton who will never step foot in Indianapolis. And they use state legislation created by the conservative/right-wing American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Check the diagram connecting all the dots "Out of state ed reform money floods into Indiana communities."

<https://www.indianacoalitionforpubliced.org/2020/10/25/out-of-state-education-reform-money-floods-into-indiana-communities/?fbclid=IwAR0YInDEXVJorGXk1lt7xlpnRSIp9FBEtISSVZjZOh7r415toXBRF7DqIEY>



IPS candidate Mr. Kenneth Allen \$\$

- <https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/ips-school-board-candidates-biography-raises-questions>
- http://ofm.indy.gov/CampaignFinanceAPI/Document/Index?documentName=IPS+School+Board%5cAllen%2c+Kenneth_schbd-msdips_2020-10-14_CFA-4-PE.pdf \$102, 333
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Search IPS candidate's campaign finance records here:

<https://www.indy.gov/workflow/search-campaign-finance-records>

A closer look at Bart Peterson's Hoosiers for Great Public Schools PAC which has \$400,000.00

https://campaignfinance.in.gov/INCF/TempDocs/411150e6-8fb6-4c1e-aaf6-c25bd5769224.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1-MfMLKt7Lyan4RHG_M2VgIDQ6cQqXq5oKCfJ5J_p5A_2a2HVOYjypqBk

Rise Indy PAC has \$559,995.00

<https://campaignfinance.in.gov/INCF/TempDocs/7a1c3a86-0c53-419d-a8a0-efe4588f2660.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1Sew-TmY98x3s3ROeqd-ZE6Dd2AadxFzeKpYN9awQQp5vu2cGr4kuJrHU>

Here's the article "Who paid to make IPS the 2nd most privatized school district in the US?"

<https://dianeravitch.net/2020/04/30/tom-ultican-who-paid-to-make-indianapolis-the-second-most-privatized-school-district-in-the-nation/>

Also, here's an essay I wrote, "Does Indianapolis actually want an entirely privatized school

district?" <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Does-Indianapolis-actually-want-an-entire-privatized-school-system.pdf>.

Let's have a public conversation about why someone needs \$123K to run for school board, and if we have a democracy or a corporatocracy.

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