



Save the Date!

DAY OF ACTION FOR PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, January 26, 2017

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Old Judiciary Room in the State Capitol

Come when you can!

Free buses will bring you from campus to and from Hartford.

CT public higher education is in crisis. Students and faculty are caught between the long-term *national trend of education defunding* and a short-term political assault of *spending cuts*, resulting in *tuition increases*.

With a **22% reduction in state funding for public higher education since 2009**, and now a **projected 10% across-the-board cut in 2017** – we are demanding that Democrats and Republicans **respect the Constitution of the State of Connecticut**.

Connecticut Constitution, Article Eight, SEC. 2:

“The state shall maintain a system of higher education... which shall be dedicated to **excellence in higher education.**”

Join the **united faculty and students** of the Connecticut Community Colleges, Connecticut State Universities, and University of Connecticut **in fighting for excellence in public higher education.**

Help us flip the narrative!

- **Special Screening** of the documentary “*Starving the Beast*,” followed by discussion with the director, Steve Mims.
- **Rally** on the North Steps of the Capitol.
- CSU, Community College, and UConn faculty and students **lobby** legislators and get **pledges** from them not to cut higher education.
- Panel **discussion** on problems facing public higher education & **student speakers telling their stories.**
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Agenda
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8:30 – 9 a.m. – Registration

9 – 10:30 a.m. – Morning Reception – hear from legislators, expert panelists, union leaders. Joe Grabarz remarks and instructions on “how to lobby.”

10:45 a.m. – Faculty, students disperse to LOB to lobby legislators.

Report back by 11:45 a.m.

Noon – 12:30 Students, faculty, community groups and leaders gather on the North Steps of the Capitol for a rally to support affordable, quality public higher education. Hear from: students, legislators, and community and union leaders.

12:30- 1 p.m. – Lunch in Old Judiciary Room at the Capitol

1 – 2:15 p.m. Student Panel Discussion with Q&A

2:15 – Steve Mims introduces his documentary *Starving the Beast*

2:30 – 4 p.m. Screening of *Starving the Beast*

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. – Comments/Q&A on film with Steve Mims

4:30 p.m. – Closing remarks

