

The Heights Coalition for Public Education Invites you to Join us for:

# A Community Book Discussion

Wednesdays: March 10 & 24, April 7, 2021

7pm-8:45 pm through Zoom

## "Schoolhouse Burning, Public Education and the Assault on American Democracy" By Derek Black

Derek Black, professor of constitutional law at the University of South Carolina, will kick off the discussion on March 10.

*Schoolhouse Burning* frames current state policies that privatize and underfund public education as an attack on democracy itself. The author traces how providing for public education at public expense became a "state's absolute and foremost duty," starting with the 1787 Northwest Ordinance, and deepening during Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement. Every state constitution protects public education as an institution essential to democracy.

The author makes defending public education critical to the future of democracy. He notes, "While threats to the ballot are immediately understood as threats to democracy, attacks on public education are not always fully appreciated as such."

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We advocate for the end of state and federal policies that are harming children and public education.

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Public Education *and the*  
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