

A FILM EXPLORING THE REAL COST OF PRIVATIZING
AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BACKPACK FULL OF CASH

NARRATED BY MATT DAMON

"A BEAUTIFUL FILM—TREMENDOUSLY MOVING! ...EVERYONE
WHO VALUES DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION NEEDS TO SEE THIS."
— JONATHAN KOZOL, ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND AUTHOR OF *SAVAGE INEQUALITIES*



Elizabeth Baptist Church

together with the Georgia Federation of Teachers & JEEPAC

Invites you to a **FREE viewing** of this film about America's public schools falling into the system of privatization and having a devastating impact on our children.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Elizabeth Baptist Church

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Join Elizabeth Baptist Church, Georgia Federation of Teachers & JEEPAC for a screening of *Backpack Full of Cash*. This documentary narrated by Matt Damon, a Cambridge, MA public school graduate, takes an urgently-needed look at how charter schools, vouchers and the privatization movement are threatening the nation's public schools. In the wake of the 2016 presidential elections and the appointment of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, BACKPACK is timelier than ever. Filmed in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Nashville and other cities, BACKPACK takes viewers through the tumultuous 2013-14 school year, exposing the world of corporate-driven education "reform" where public education — starved of resources — hangs in the balance. BACKPACK puts a human face on complex social, racial and civic issues confronting educators, students, families, and our communities. It also serves as a tool to show how other communities are fighting back against an effort to privatize public education.

The documentary also showcases a model for improving schools - a well-resourced public school system in Union City, New Jersey, where poor kids are getting a high quality education without charters or vouchers. BACKPACK FULL OF CASH makes the case for public education as a basic civil right.

The film features genuine heroes like the principals, teachers, activists, parents and most hearteningly, students who are fighting for their education. Former Assistant Secretary of Education Diane Ravitch, writer David Kirp and policy expert Linda Darling Hammond are among the national thought leaders who provide analysis in the film.

This feature-length documentary is a free event and open to the public.