**AROS 1/19 Phone Bank Script**

**Introduction:** Hi, is [member name] available? I’m [your name]. I’m working with [local union] to speak with members about making our schools safe spaces for all students and taking a stand against Betsy Devos, the pro-voucher nominee for Secretary of Education.

**Body:** Have you seen or heard about our public schools being unsafe for some students or educators? What have you heard about the current nominee for Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos?

Intimidation and violence towards minority, LGBTQ, and immigrant students have risen dramatically. This impacts us all. To make matters worse, the nominee for Secretary of Education lacks any public school related experience and has a clear goal: to destroy public schools.

(<http://allin.rtp.aft.org/files/whydevosiswrong12082016.pdf> for support.)

How does that make you feel? Do you want to create and maintain safe spaces in which ALL students are welcome? Do you want to stop a predatory voucher system that would undercut all we’ve worked for?

**Ask:** We have a plan to fight back and reclaim our schools. We are organizing to fight the president-elect’s agenda to dismantle public education, and to ensure that all students have the opportunity to pursue their dreams free from fear. On January 19, we will demand that:

* Our schools and campuses remain centers of learning that are protected against threats of bullying, racism and  deportation;
* The Senate support public schools by rejecting Betsy DeVos as secretary of education; and
* Policymakers increase investment in public schools, make Wall Street and billionaires pay their fair share, and  protect Title I funds.

**Give details of local action here: (EXAMPLE- “hands around our school” action, with participants creating a human chain around our schools to symbolically protect them. From: 8a-8:30a, @location on January 19th.)**

**Will you join us on the 19th?**

*If YES*, confirm email and mobile number for texting. I’ll email you the commitment form and online petition to our senator.

*If NO*, go to closing.

Will you speak to your colleagues or parents about joining our movement? YES or NO

**Closing:** I appreciate your time. I know we can still make a difference.