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#INVESTinED Petition Party Guide!

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Party Planning

Hosting an Invest in Ed petition party is simple! Just follow these steps:

1. Pick a time and a location (it could be your house, but your favorite coffee shop, diner, or bar works too!) Get creative! Think about hosting an informal happy hour at a sports bar or brewery. Or just let folks know that you'll be at the neighborhood coffee shop for a few hours! If you're feeling more ambitious, you could do a wine and cheese night at your house, or have folks over for nachos. Or maybe a picnic at a nearby splash-pad, a barbecue in the park, or a pool party! It's your party so make sure it's something you'll enjoy.
2. [Register your event here](#)
3. Reach out! Share the info with your colleagues, your neighbors, your family, your Facebook friends -- anyone who you think hasn't signed the petition yet. Invite them to drop by, say hi, and sign! Make sure you post on Facebook (and on Twitter, Instagram, or wherever you're active). Send some quick texts or an email to neighbors, friends, colleagues, or family. Remind them that it's not a big commitment -- they just need to come by for a couple minutes and sign! We have some sample materials below.
4. Get the materials you'll need! You'll need physical petitions for people to sign. You can [pick them up](#) at one of our petition hubs, most of which are open Monday-Friday. If

those times and days don't work for you, try stopping by one of the [other upcoming events](#). Our petition hubs are also a great place to get a clipboard and a signature guide (to help people stay in the lines) -- and some of our great "I Signed" stickers!

5. Have fun and get lots of signatures!
6. You may have some people who want to take a petition home with them and get *their* friends and family to sign. That's awesome! Just be sure to check-out any petition sheets you give out using this link: bit.ly/petition-check-out
7. At the end of your event, if you have completed petitions (nice work!), be sure to [check them in online](#), then drop them off at a [petition hub](#) near you.
8. Have any photos, funny stories, or victories to share? Post them on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #InvestinEd.

Sample Facebook Post

Have you signed the #INVESTinED petition yet? As a [teacher / parent / concerned citizen / educator / school employee etc] it's really important to me personally that #INVESTinED gets on the ballot. That's why I'm hosting a [petition party / happy hour / barbecue / etc] on Wednesday! If you haven't signed yet, stop by [location] at [time] and add your name and grab a "I Signed" sticker!

Sample Email

Dear friends and family,

As you know, public education is really important to me! That's why I've been collecting signatures for #INVESTinED. If it gets on the ballot, it'll bring \$700 million into our schools. But first, we need to hit our big 200,000 signature goal and qualify for the ballot. If you haven't signed yet, will you come by [location] on Wednesday and sign? I'm hosting a [petition party / happy hour / barbecue / etc]. Stop by, grab a drink or a snack, and grab a "I Signed" sticker! Thank you - I really appreciate it.

Best,

Do I Need a Notary?

You need a notary if you're planning to have people turn in completed petitions at your party. Completed petition sheets have to be turned in to a notary *by the person who collected the*

signatures. If you don't have a notary, don't worry! The most important thing is that if you don't have a notary, and your friends and family have been collecting petitions, they can't give their completed sheets to you. Instead, they should drop off their completed petition sheets at a [petition hub near them](#).

Petition Signing Checklist

GETTING READY TO COLLECT SIGNATURES

- Check the "Volunteer" box and write the county twice on each petition sheet
- Grab a pen - blue or black only

BEFORE SOMEONE SIGNS

- Confirm that they're a registered voter
- Make sure they live in the county that matches that sheet

WHILE THEY'RE SIGNING

- Make sure all fields are complete & correct (date is today's date, address matches where they're registered to vote, etc)
- Make sure EVERYTHING they write fits between the lines
- If they make a mistake, they should cross it out neatly, initial it, and correct the error
- No ditto marks ("")
- No PO Boxes
- No scribbles on the packet

NEVER...

- Ask for signatures on school grounds or school time
- Let someone sign it without you being there to witness it
- Unstaple the packet

AFTER YOU'RE DONE

- On the back of the petition, fill out your name, the county where YOU are registered to vote (even if it's not the county that the signatures are from), and your address.
- Do NOT sign the back yet - you'll sign in front of the notary!

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