

# Vote Because: Children Are Counting on You



*"Democracy is not a spectator sport. Children can't vote but you can."* - Marian Wright Edelman



"Vote because we need smaller class sizes."

"Vote because I really want to feel safe in my neighborhood."



This summer, *CDF Freedom Schools* scholars **made their voices heard** on why voting matters and what issues they want grown-ups to champion at the polls. Now it's our turn to use our power, amplify the voices of the voteless, and commit to taking children's needs to the polls.

By using our voices and voting, we can hold our federal, state, and local officials accountable for standing up for America's children and ensure our children have what they need to thrive.

## Vote for candidates who will work to:

- ✓ Take care of children and families in crisis amid COVID-19
- ✓ End racial inequities and promote racial justice in their policies
- ✓ End child poverty and ensure all families have resources to nurture their children
- ✓ Ensure all children and families have access to affordable housing
- ✓ Ensure all children have access to comprehensive, affordable health and mental health coverage and care
- ✓ Ensure families have paid leave and children have access to affordable early childhood care and education
- ✓ Promote equitable education policies and close the achievement gap
- ✓ Support children and families so children can remain safely at home and out of the child welfare system
- ✓ End the cradle-to-prison pipeline and promote resources over criminalization
- ✓ Protect children from gun violence
- ✓ End family separation and the detention of immigrant children

Children's lives are too important to leave in the hands of politicians. **They are depending on adults and communities to mobilize and stand up to vote on their behalf.** Make a plan to register and vote using our [Vote Because: You Can Use Your Power to Vote for Children](#) resource.

