

# Experience in Community-Based Agroecological Projects in Puerto Rico: Lessons Learned and Implications in Education

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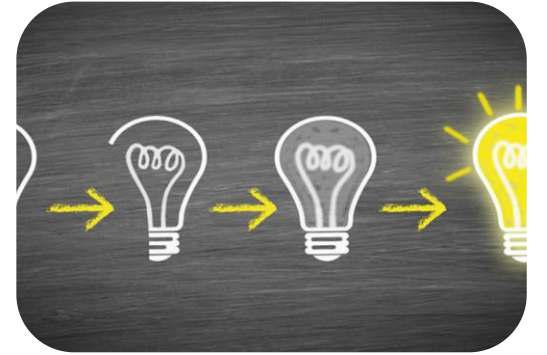
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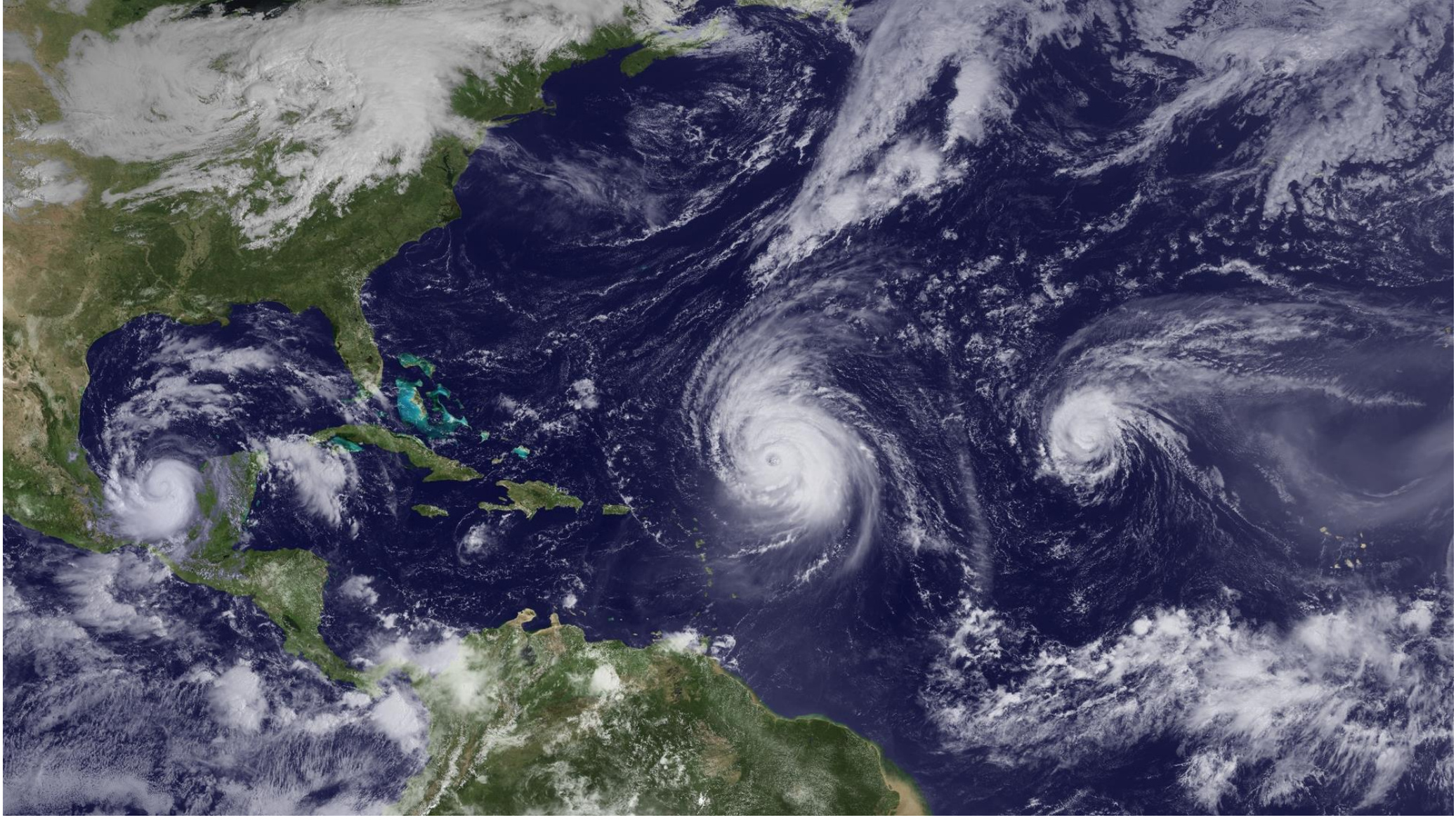


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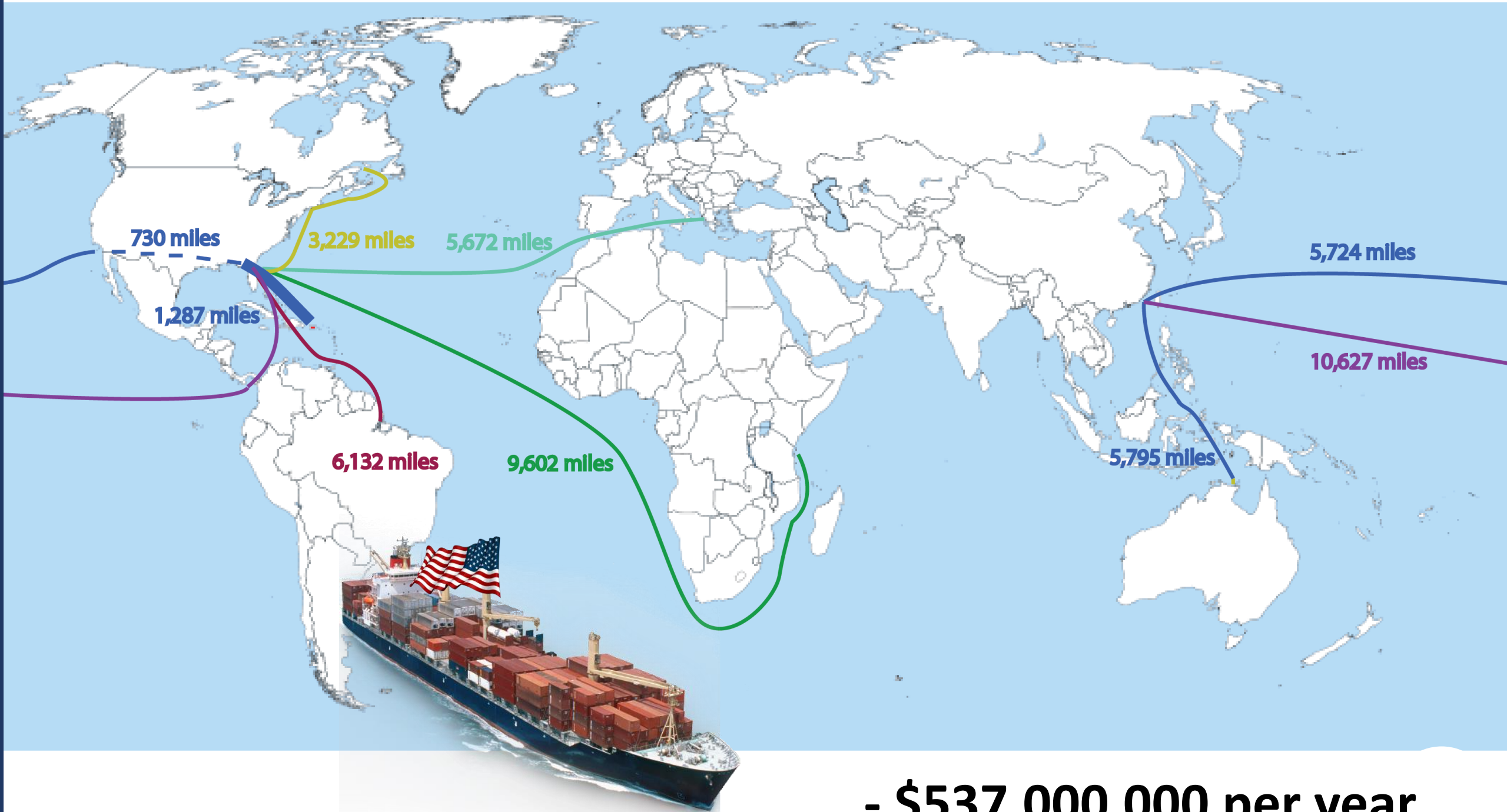
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**- \$537,000,000 per year**



**\$ 80,000,000 FY 17-18**



**Executive  
Director of FCB**

**\$625,000 yr**



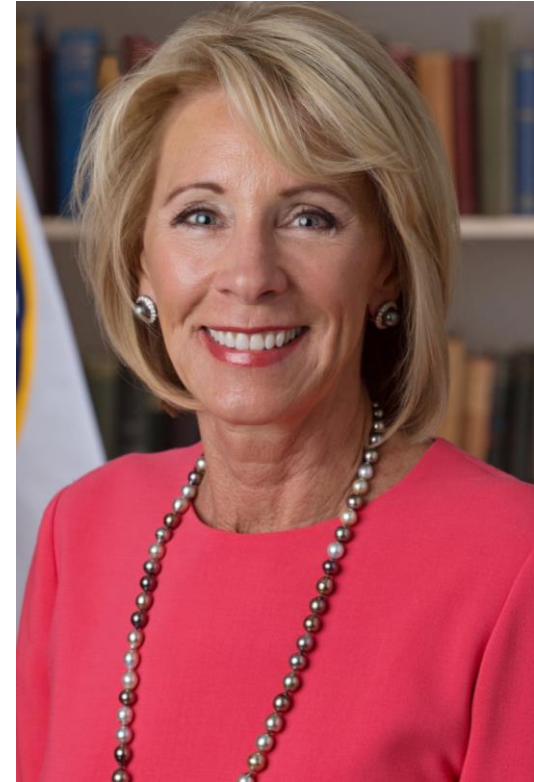
**Secretary of  
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**\$250,000 yr**



**Department  
of Defense**

**\$248,500 yr**



**US. Secretary  
of Education**

**\$199,700 yr**



# Government Cuts

- 40% of our public schools closed (2013-2018)
  - 283 are expected to be closed this August 2018
- The only Sustainable Agriculture program in UPR is at risk to be eliminated.
- Reduction of 50% of the UPR budget during the last 5 years.
- Reduce public employee's pension (including teachers).
- Consolidation of public agencies.
- Tax hike.



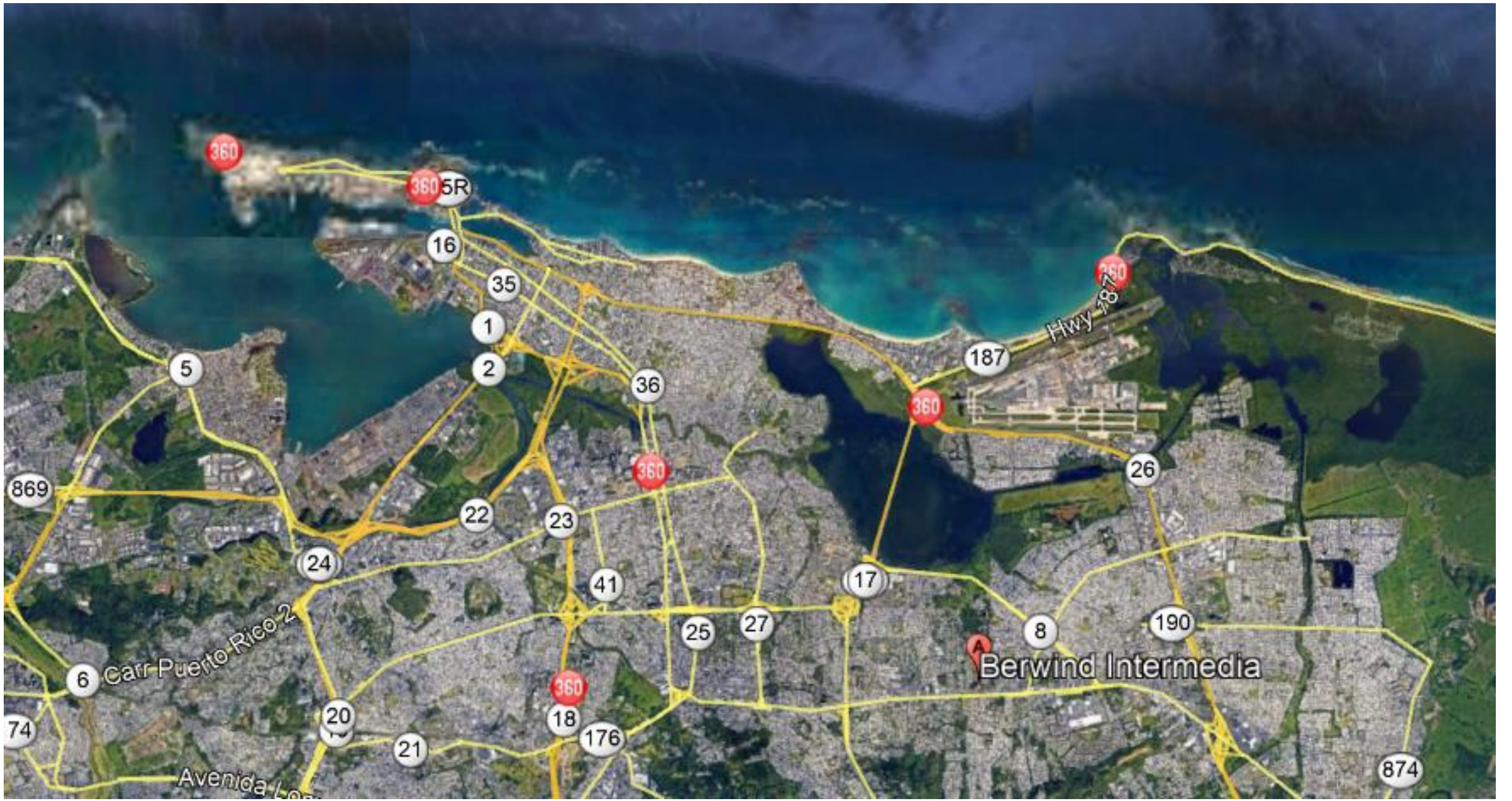
<https://medium.com/@defendPR/children-protest-school-closing-359a4a83e191>

# Education Reform

- Charter schools
- Voucher system
- Teacher labor rights







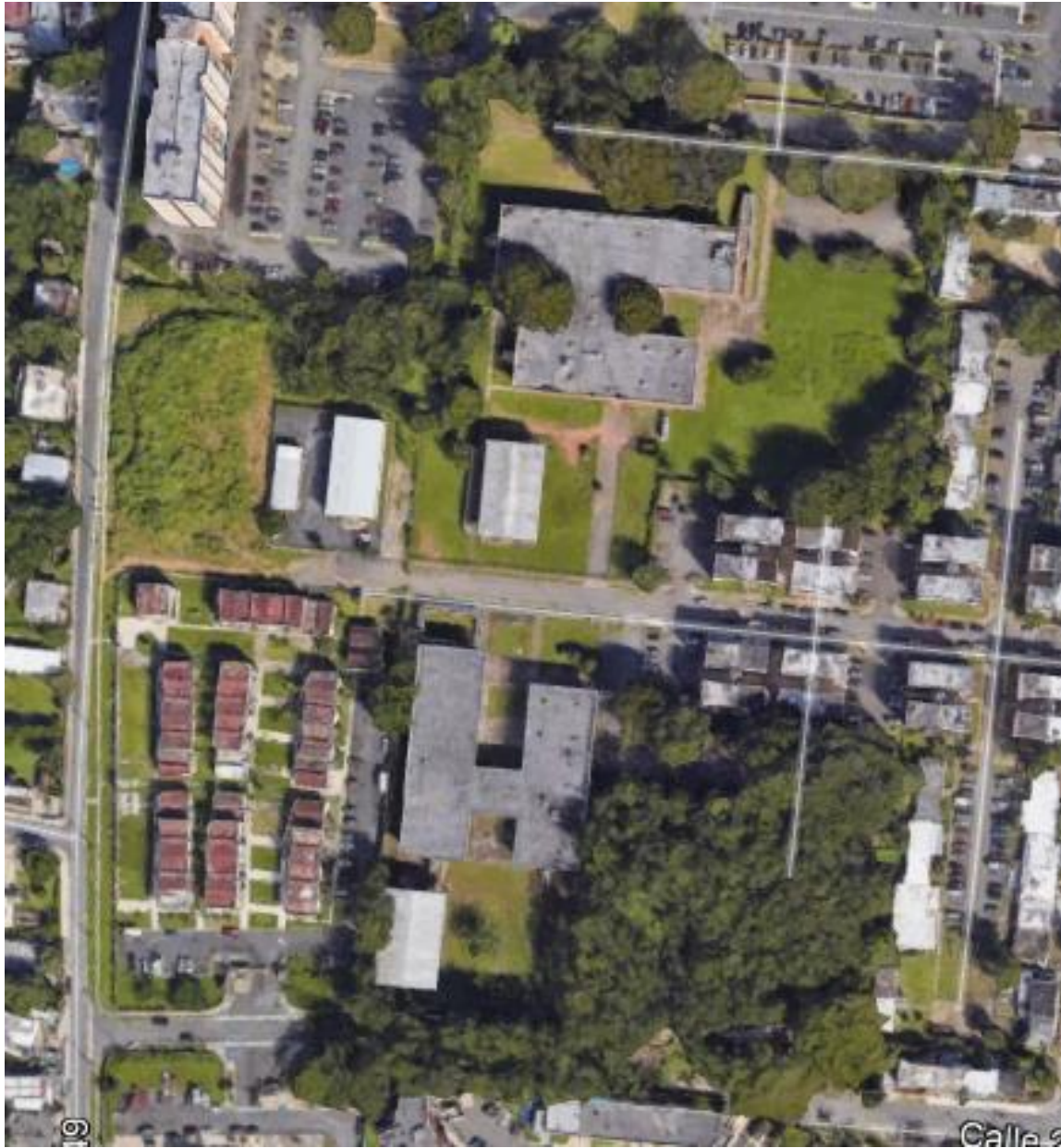








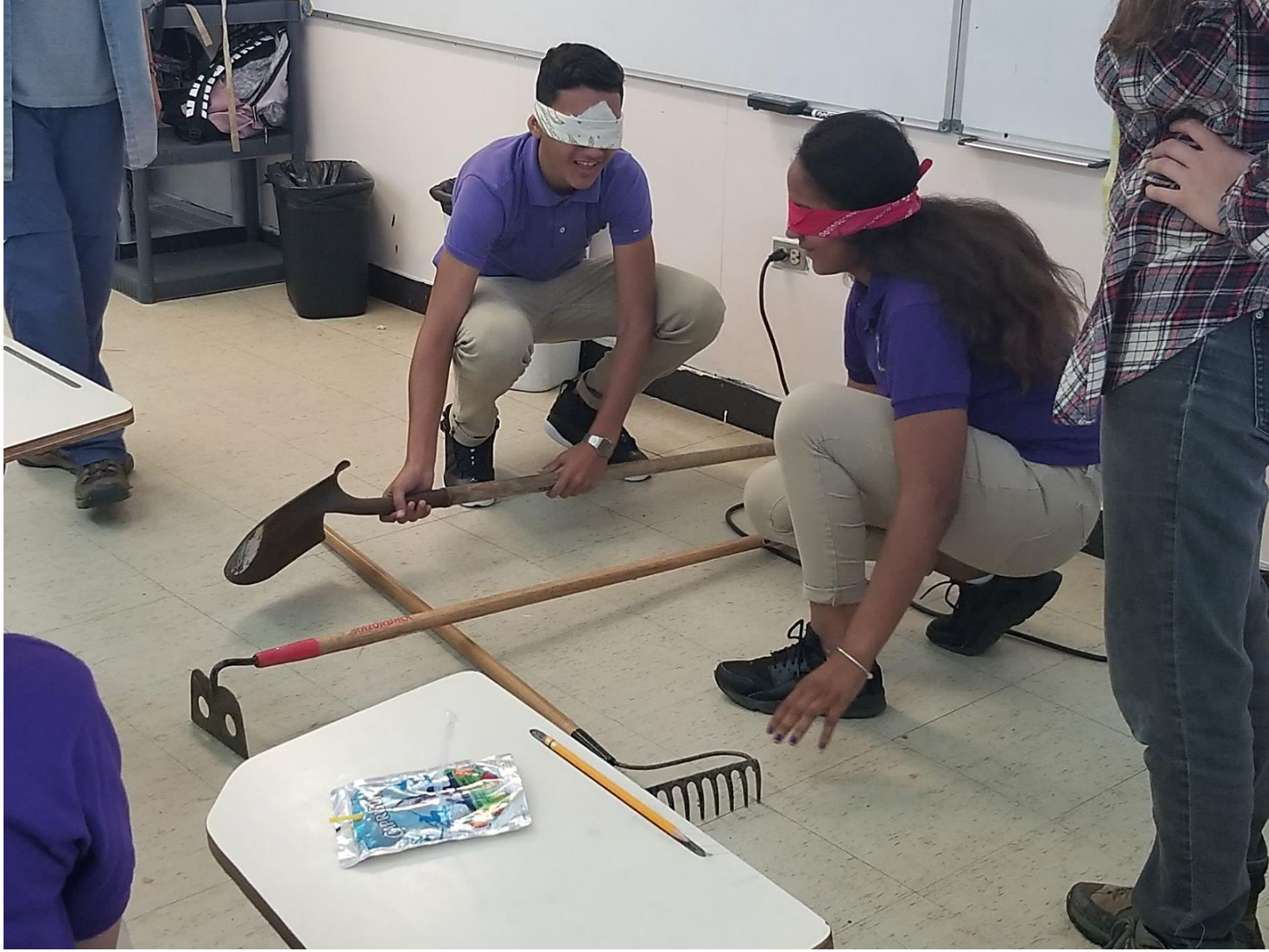














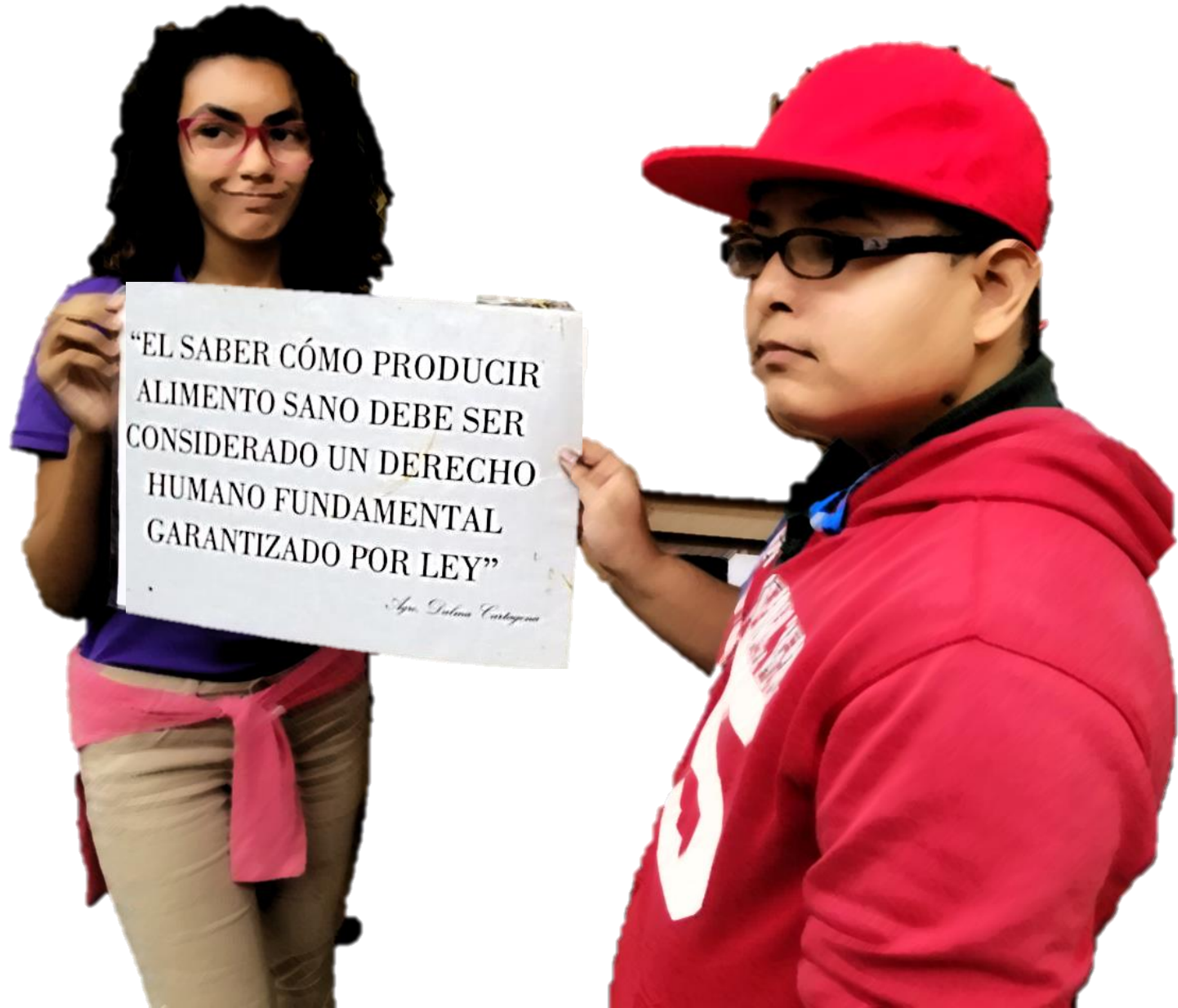








- “Knowing how to produce healthy food should be considered a fundamental human right guaranteed by law” Agro. Dalma Cartagena.

































# Semana de la Tierra

8:00am- 12:00m

**16-20 de abril de 2018**

**Escuela Berwind Intermedia**

- Finca Berwind hacia una Comunidad  
Autosustentable -

- **16 de abril:** Construcción de vivero y árboles frutales (8vo-Pre Vocacional)
- **17 de abril:** Día Internacional de la Lucha Campesina y especias (6to)
- **18 de abril:** Plantas ornamentales y construcción de plato de higuera (7mo)
- **19 de abril:** Construcción de compostera y siembra (Pre-Vocacional)
- **20 de abril:** EXPO para toda la familia de Berwind Intermedia.

Talleres:

Construcción de vivero

Siembra

Construcción de  
compostera

Plato de higuera

Charlas:

Derechos Humanos

Música

Plena y acústico





# Lessons

- Agroecology as a common framework
- Schools as institutions to promote community participation
- The UPR as a support chain for communities
- Rural and urban interchange
- Potential of human rights and agroecology in political education and environmental justice.



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