



*Since 2001, NYSPC has been providing resources and helping young people organize against war in their schools, campuses, and communities. NYSPC demands an end to the US occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and an end to a foreign policy of endless war. Since coordinating the nation's largest-ever student strike in 2003, to the Books Not Bombs Youth Convergence and the massive anti-war march at the Republican National Convention in 2004, we have called for Books - Not Bombs!*

## **The BOOKS NOT BOMBS Agenda**

### **Fund Education - Not Empire!**

We demand the immediate restoration of all funds for public schools and universities cut from local and federal budgets over the last three years, and the reversal of all tuition hikes in the same period. We demand dramatic increases in assistance to low-income youth through Pell Grants, TRIO, and all programs for students in need. We demand the repeal of the No Child Left Behind Act's high-stakes testing regime, and of the Higher Education Act's denial of federal aid to drug offenders. And we demand that Congress pass legislation (like the DREAM Act) to extend educational opportunities to all immigrant youth.

### **Military Out of Our Schools!**

College administrations should support the ongoing legal challenge to the Solomon Amendment, and both colleges and high schools should make it campus policy to prominently advertise the rights of students and parents to opt out of having student information released to military recruiters.

### **Protect Our Civil Liberties!**

Provisions that violate youth and students rights in the USA PATRIOT Act must be revised, and school student unions and administrations should pass resolutions to oppose its implementation on campus.

### **Campuses for Peace - Not War!**

Our campuses must be disarmed and democratized. All campuses must track, catalog and make publicly available all military-related and funded research and investments. Students and faculty should pass resolutions requiring campus administrators to demilitarize education by severing all military ties. All universities and schools must end their historic support for weapons of mass destruction and demand an end to all university collaborations that lead to the development, testing or production of nuclear weapons.

### **Schools - Not Jails!**

College administrators must divulge all university business relations-- including contracts and investments--with companies that profit from or finance prison construction or operations. College administrations should set up recruitment and retention programs for communities adversely affected by incarceration, specifically low-income youth and youth of color. Lastly, state governments must invest more money in education and rehabilitation programs instead of prioritizing incarceration.