

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

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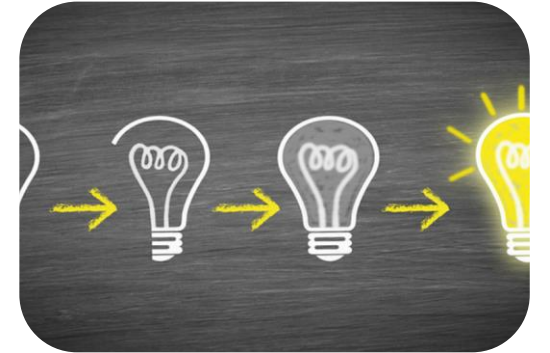
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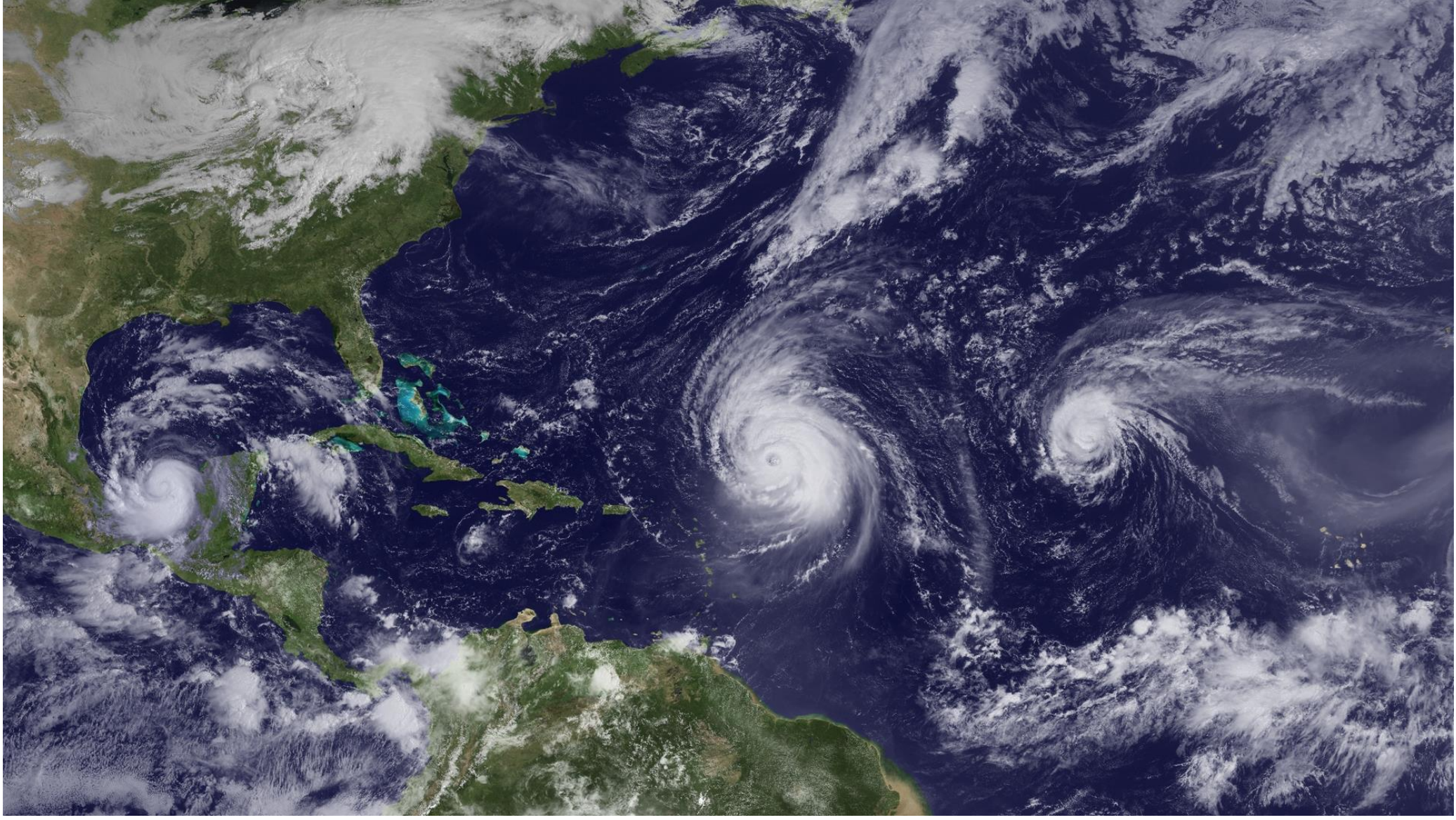
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Lessons





<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/multimedia/collections/583?page=4>



[https://www.nytimes.com/es/2017/09/25/la agricultura de puerto rico esta diezmada por maria/](https://www.nytimes.com/es/2017/09/25/la-agricultura-de-puerto-rico-esta-diezmada-por-maria/)



- \$537,000,000 per year



\$ 80,000,000 FY 17-18



**Executive
Director of FCB**

\$625,000 yr



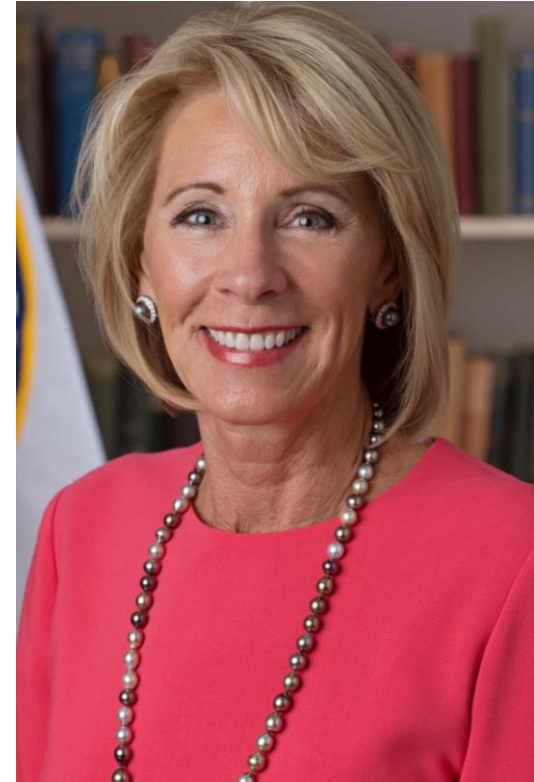
**Secretary of
Education**

\$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.

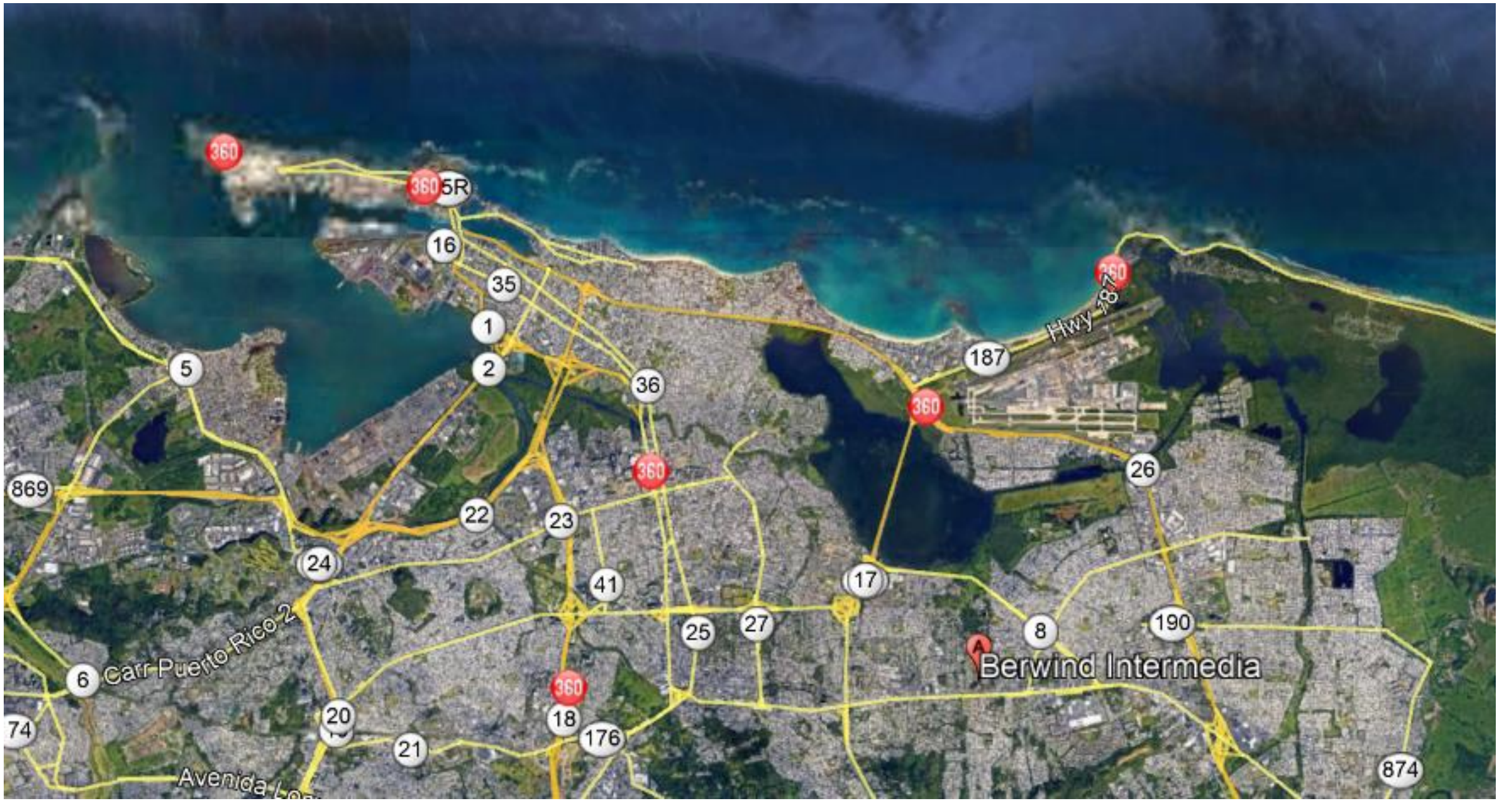


<https://medium.com/@defendPR/children-protest-school-closing-359a4a83e191>

Education Reform

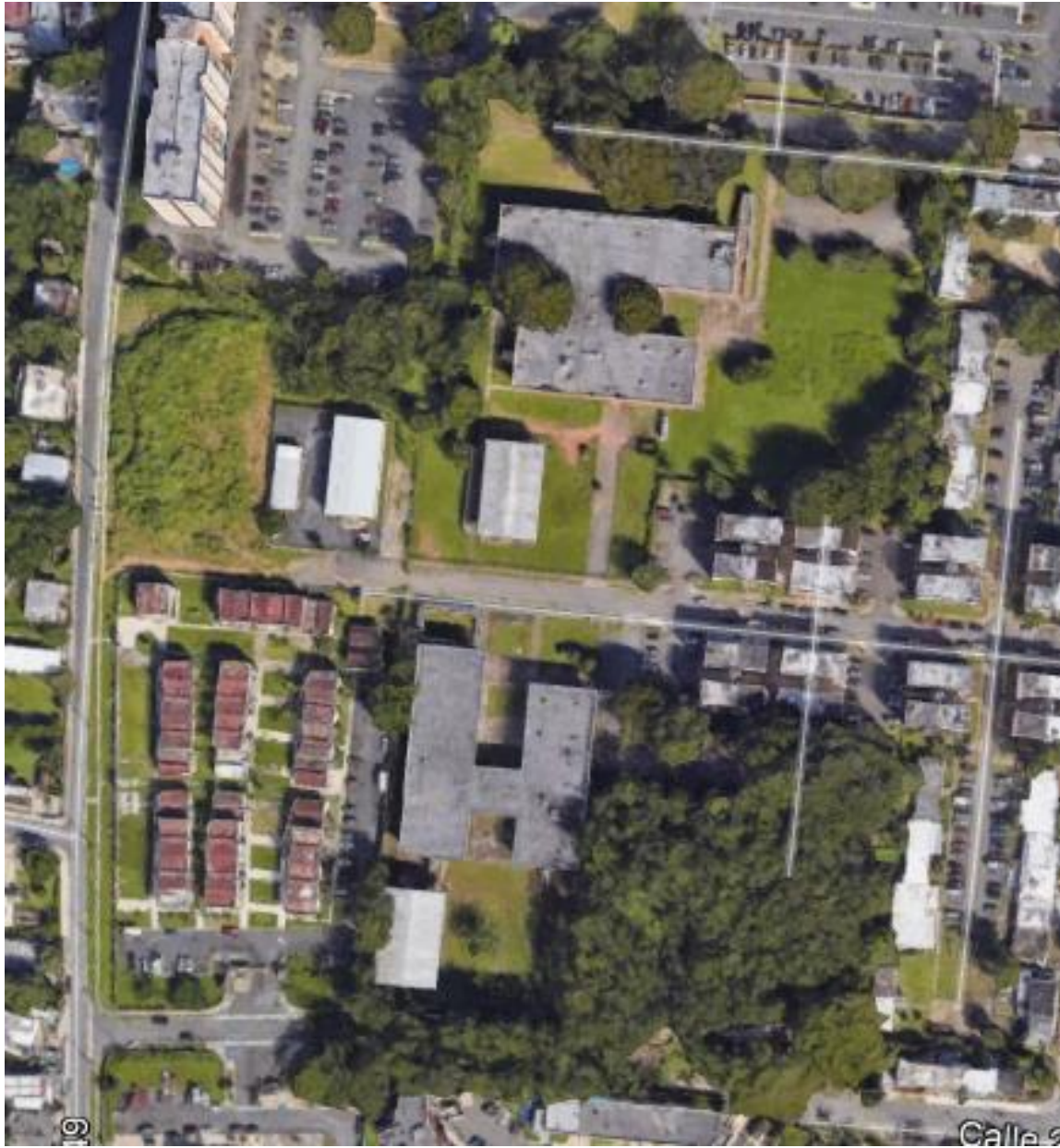
- Charter schools
- Voucher system
- Teacher labor rights



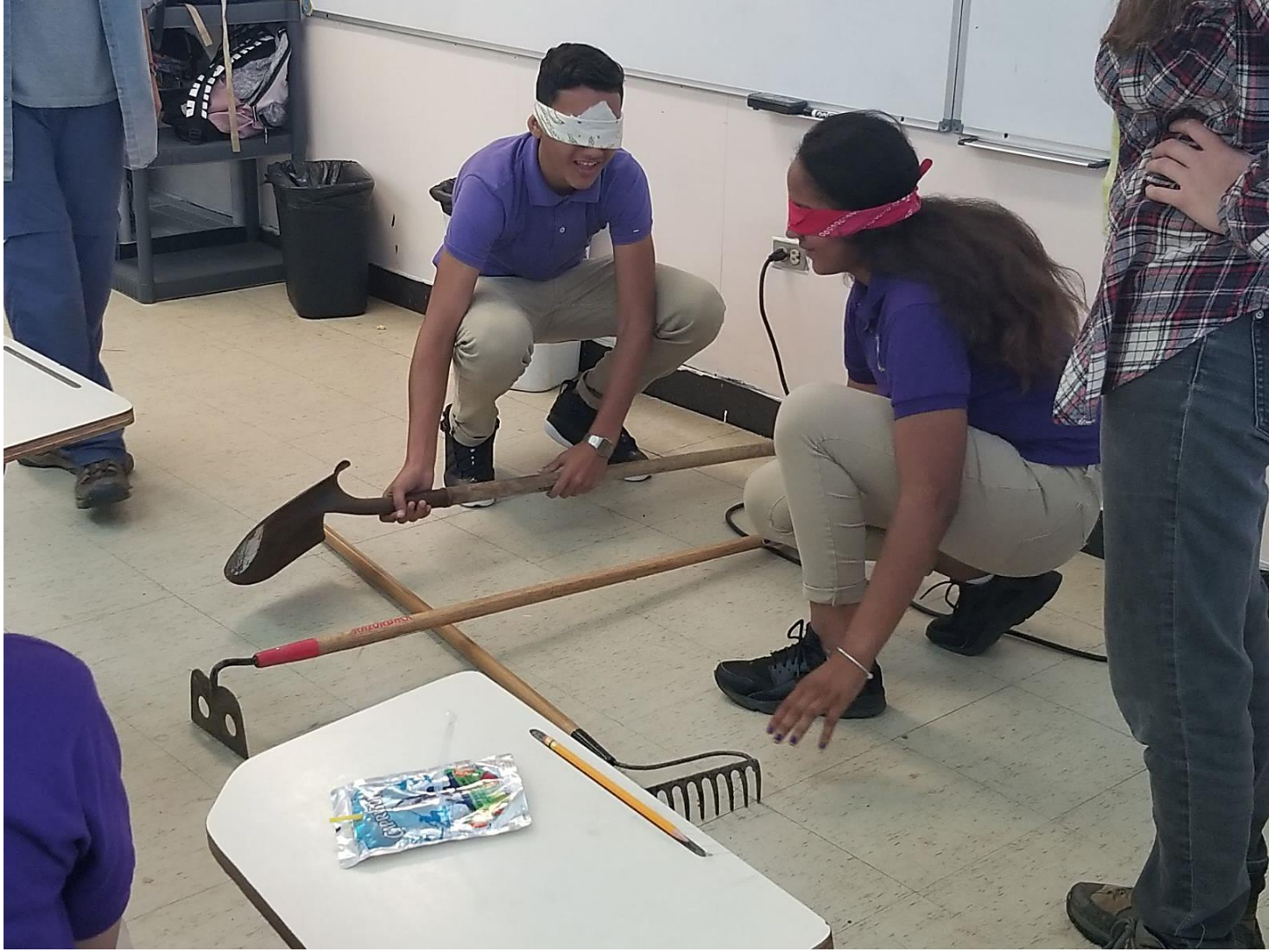








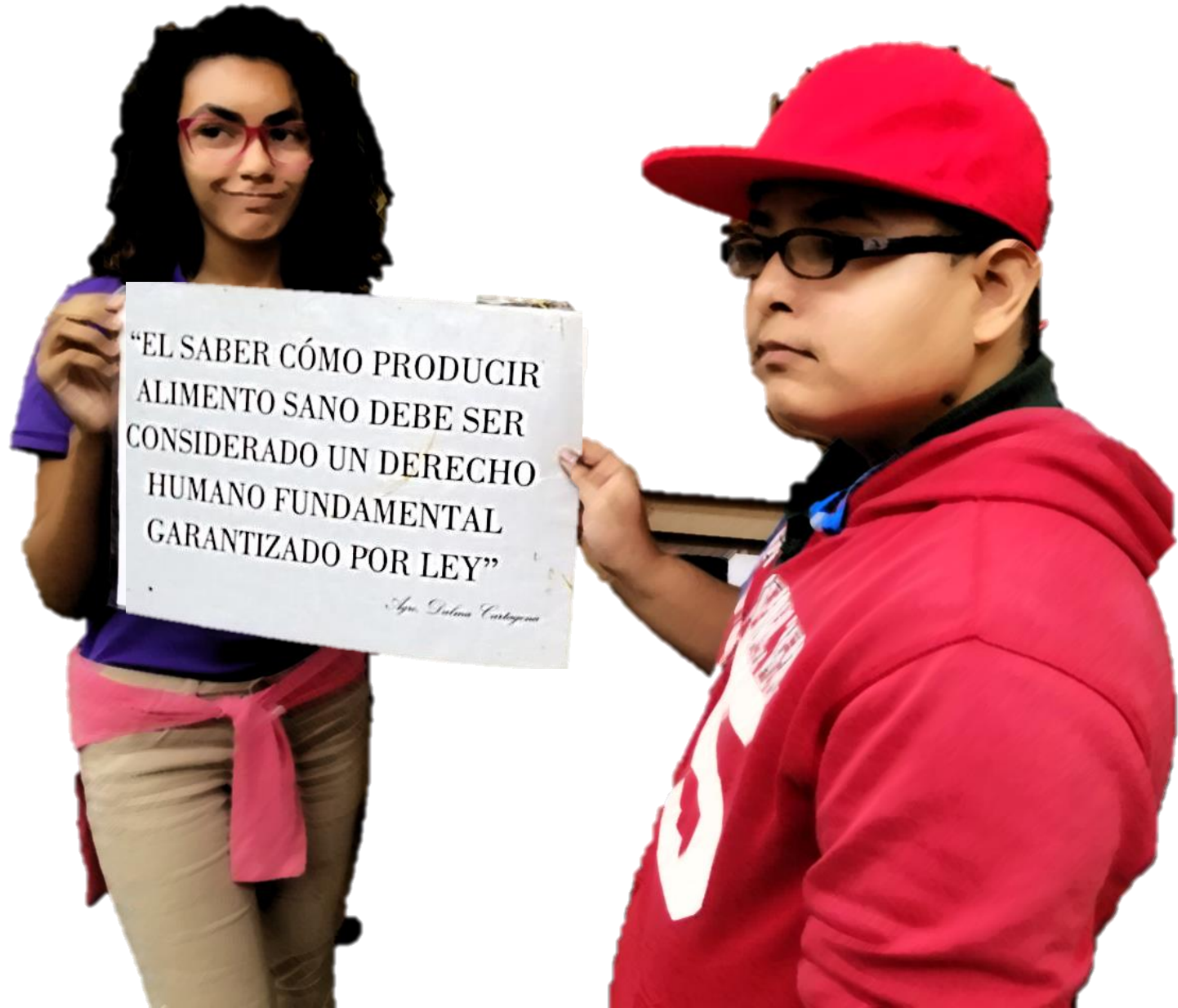








- “Knowing how to produce healthy food should be considered a fundamental human right guaranteed by law” Agro. Dalma Cartagena.

















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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