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UNIVERSITY PARK, IL—Students from Governors State University will travel by bus to Springfield Wednesday, April 22 for a rally in opposition of the proposed budget cuts to Illinois public higher education.

Students will bring thousands of signed letters to their state representatives, meet for a rally at the Illinois State Capitol steps, and hand deliver a signed petition to Gov. Bruce Rauner's office.

GSU students initiated the #SaveOurEducation campaign in an effort to raise awareness not only of the proposed cuts in funding, but how the proposed 31.5 percent cuts would affect Governors State and its surrounding region.

During the campaign, students, their families, and the public were encouraged to write letters to state legislators, tweet and post GSU facts to social media sites under the #SaveOurEducation hashtag, and write letters to the editors of local papers in support of GSU and Illinois public higher education. The students also collected signatures on a Change.org petition.

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GSU Springfield Rally Itinerary

- 5:30 a.m.** -- Students will leave GSU by bus
- 9:00 a.m.** -- Springfield ETA; Students carry GSU Signs from the bus to the Capitol
- 9:20 a.m.** -- Students break into groups and deliver postcards to legislators
- 11:45 a.m.** -- Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.** -- Rally on Capitol steps (2nd Street & Capitol Street) East Side near Lincoln statue. Deliver petition to Governor Rauner's Office
- 1:30 p.m.** -- Board bus back to Governors State