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Mr. Al Gore  
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Hi VP Gore,

... I happen to know quite a bit about the Chicago hunger strikers which another Miami trainee mentioned during a Q&A. The trainee referred to the strikers' demand to keep Chicago's Dyett High School open and to furthermore, have it be made into a Green Technology school. Brother Jitu, who headed the strike and who heads up the Journey 4 Justice education alliance, is an educator who wrote the Green Tech curriculum the school would use.

Jitu is also the author of [Death By a Thousand Cuts](#) a white paper written with the assistance and fact-checking services of the [Advancement Project](#) out of DC. The report lays out data and a narrative which shows the intentionality with which public education is being destroyed – and how the pot of money public education represents is being diverted to the pockets of private charter school developers.

At about day 20, Dyett hungerstrikers won the concession from the City of Chicago that the school would remain open as an Arts High school. They also procured some attention from Arne Duncan. But the strike continued because the strikers had other demands, principal among which was that Dyett [become the Dyett High School of Global Leadership and Green Technology](#). It ended on Day 34.

<http://twitter.com/brothajitu> <http://journey4justice.org> [#fightfordyett](#) [#dyett15](#)

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[CPS Decision to Close Dyett High Will 'Gut' Bronzeville, Activists Say](#)

If I can provide additional information or facilitate a dialogue with Brother Jitu, please let me know.

All the best,  
Kimi