HAPPY **MEALS?**

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Fast food workers are allowed to strike (refuse to work) to

PROTEST UNFAIR TREATMENT.

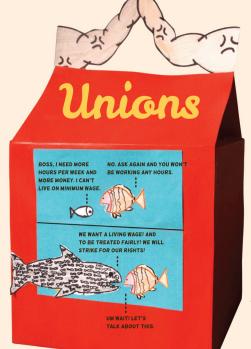
But workers can be ignored or face **NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES** if they ask for fairer treatment.

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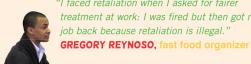




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"I faced retaliation when I asked for fairer treatment at work: I was fired but then got my job back because retaliation is illegal."

"We want laws that will allow us to unionize without retaliation."

SHANTEL WALKER.



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FAST FOOD CHAINS ARE ALL
OVER NEW YORK CITY, AND
THEY EMPLOY THOUSANDS
OF WORKERS. IS THIS LARGE
WORKFORCE BEING TREATED
FAIRLY? WHAT RIGHTS DO
FAST FOOD RESTAURANT
WORKERS HAVE? WHAT
RIGHTS DO THEY WANT?

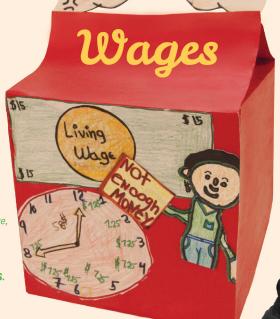
In the spring of 2014, Mrs. Harrington and Mr. Moody's ESL classes worked with teaching artist Chelsea Wagner at the Academy of Urban Planning in Bushwick to find out. Students took a field trip to restaurant chains in the neighborhood and interviewed

a community organizer and a fast food worker. They created a notso-happy meal box explaining wage rights on one side, and the right to unionize on the other.

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\$7.25 Fast food workers
PER HOUR make a minimum wage



THE RIGHTS
WORKERS WANT
\$15.00 Fast food workers
PER HOUR want a living wage

\$2200

is the average rent in a 1BR apartment in Bushwick. To afford it, fast food workers would have to work:

11 HOURS / DAY, 7 DAYS / WEEK







If you work 8 hours a day for minimum wage, YOU MAKE \$58.00. But most fast food workers don't get full EIGHT-HOUR SHIFTS. "This lets a worker and their family live comfortably. With a living wage, workers can pay for rent, gas, food, and anything else needed to live in an expensive city like New York."

GREGORY REYNOSO,

Fast food companies say that IF THEY PAY WORKERS A LIVING WAGE, FOOD PRICES WILL RISE.