

General Motors

wants to shut down GM Lordstown.

We're fighting back.



For 52 years, Lordstown families stood by GM in good times and bad,¹ turning out quality cars, decade after decade.² In 2018, J.D. Power ranked Lordstown number one for the highest-quality production among GM's facilities.² In return, GM slashed more than 2,500 jobs at our plant over the past two years.³ They chose Mexico for a new Chevy Blazer factory.⁴ And now they want to close Lordstown—part of a global “restructuring” that will shutter five plants in the U.S. and Canada.^{5,6,7}

The cuts are too deep. The costs are too high. We're seeing it already in our schools.

Closing our plant will cost about 1400 jobs at GM Lordstown—and an estimated 8,000 jobs or more, when you count potential job losses for suppliers.⁸ We know what those numbers mean for us and our families.^{9,10} As educators, we know that right now, too many families are worried sick about how they'll survive. Many of our students are coming to school frightened and anxious. And in the long run, what happens to our schools if our town's tax base shrinks and its population dwindles? The GM plant creates approximately \$800,000 in revenue to support our schools which will now be lost.

GM: Do the right thing. Keep Lordstown open.

GM claims they're responding to market realities and moving towards the future of the industry.^{9,10} We say: Moving forward doesn't mean turning your back on the people who made your company great.

Join the fight for the future of Lordstown! Town Hall: Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.

Lordstown High School
1824 Salt Springs Rd, Warren, OH 44481

A Drive It Home campaign event hosted by:
Lordstown Teachers Association, Local 3789
Ohio Federation of Teachers
American Federation of Teachers



Special guest speaker:
Randi Weingarten
President
American Federation
of Teachers

¹http://blog.cleveland.com/pdextra/2009/08/timeline_for_general_motors_lo.html; ²<https://timryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-tim-ryan-speaks-general-motors-ceo-mary-bar-ra>; ³https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/lordstown-students-write-letters-to-gm-to-keep-plant-open?_amp=true; ⁴<https://money.cnn.com/2018/06/22/news/companies/gm-chevy-blazer-mexico/index.html>; ⁵https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/lordstown-students-write-letters-to-gm-to-keep-plant-open?_amp=true; ⁶<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/26/business/gm-oshawa-plant/index.html>; ⁷<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/26/business/gm-oshawa-plant/index.html>; ⁸According to an analysis for The Washington Post by Susan Helper, an economics professor at Case Western Reserve University and former chief economist for the Commerce Department. See https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/when-gm-closes-a-plant-workers-lose-their-jobs-but-the-city-loses-its-spirit/2018/11/30/2d5b429a-f385-11e8-80d0-f7e1948d55f4_story.html?utm_term=.eef70d2c044a; ⁹<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/26/business/gm-oshawa-plant/index.html>; ¹⁰<https://www.autonews.com/article/20181126/OEM02/181129875/impatient-barra-reawakens-spirit-of-crisis-at-gm>