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## **#RickyRenuncia: Dismantling the Puerto Rican Plutocracy's Hold on the Island's Educational Institutions**

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Puerto Rican Governor Rosselló's defiant stay in office amid a long list of corruption scandals—including **the arrests** of former Education Secretary Julia Keleher and **character-questioning leaked chats**— is the latest illustration of the assumed entitlement to govern by the Puerto Rico's wealthy. The **resounding and intensifying calls for Rosselló's resignation** (#RickyRenuncia), as well as the demands for an end to government corruption suggest Puerto Rico is on the precipice of change. In order to disrupt the long-standing practices of corruption and to secure the future for our children, Puerto Ricans have a unique opportunity to go beyond the calls for the governor's resignation and demand the severing of ties between its educational institutions and political parties.