

RESOLUTION #11

**AFT MICHIGAN
70TH CONVENTION
MAY 2-3, 2008**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Whereas, AFT Michigan locals value and encourage a good relationship with the public but often enter the public radar only when we are calling for pay raises, engaging in pickets, threatening to “work to rule,” etc; and
- Whereas, The resulting profile is often one that paints our union as selfish and disconnected from the community; and
- Whereas, The community in general does not fully understand the many jobs, skills, tasks and responsibilities that our members perform and are essential for the education of our students; and
- Whereas, It is critical to the well being and advancement of public education to enhance public understanding of our issues; and
- Whereas, Local union involvement in its community not only is the right thing to do, but it also helps build public support for our issues, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan help locals raise their profile among parents, taxpayers and the broader public that conveys the union as an integral part of not only the education community, but the community in which they work and often live, and BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: AFT Michigan help to build the image in each local’s community that union members are caring and committed professionals who are doing their part to create a stronger, healthier and more prosperous community.

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Amended by Resolution Committee