

RESOLUTION #2

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

PA 112 HURTS PUBLIC EDUCATION

Whereas, Unions in Michigan are geared up and expecting a fight against our State becoming a Right-to-Work State; and

Whereas, Public Act 112 (PA 112) encourages those against unions and allows for-profit businesses to profits off of public schools; and

Whereas, PA 112 started as legislation to allow subcontracting of support personal and has expanded to allow the for-profit businesses to include subcontracting of substitute teachers and coaches; and

Whereas, PA 112 encourages public schools to contract out the jobs of working families in the community. The incidence of privatization has increased, with custodial employees being hardest hit; and (Michigan Education Report, Nov.14, 2007); and

Whereas, PA 112 has allowed the door to be opened for districts to argue that Paraprofessional Aids are not instructional staff; and (Michigan Education Report, Nov.14, 2007); and

Whereas, PA 112 encourages school districts to use public education dollars to fight in court to subcontract jobs with the illusion of quick savings; and

Whereas, PA 112 is being used as a mechanism of increased theft of public education dollars for private companies who put food on the plates in Detroit Public Schools. With allegations as recent as February 2008 of 1.6 million dollars in rebates and discounts that should have been given back to the District; and (Detroit Free Press, Feb.26, 2008); and

Whereas, PA 112 continues to add to the erosion of public schools with the conviction of a former executive director of support services with fraud who was ordered to pay restitution of \$2.38 million dollars. Bids and contracts were rigged awarded to companies with a personal interest; and

Whereas, The Privatization of public education jobs hurt working families and their communities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

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RESOLVED: AFT Michigan continues to support the belief that all public school employees assist in the instruction of our students; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: AFT Michigan will continue to fight for the right to bargain for the jobs of PSRP's in wages, hours and working condition; and BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED: AFT Michigan continues to lobby for the bargaining rights of our members, and for the amendment of PA 112 so that our bargaining rights are protected.

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