

RESOLUTION #8

**AFT MICHIGAN
70TH CONVENTION
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**Resolution on Inclusion of Students
with Intellectual Disabilities in Postsecondary Education (PSE)**

Whereas, Students with disabilities are estimated to represent nearly 10 percent of all college students; and

Whereas, More educators and parents are expressing an increased desire for students with intellectual disabilities to be given the opportunity to participate in Postsecondary Education (PSE) after exiting the K-12 school system; and

Whereas, The growth that the majority of students experience in college can be measured in a number of areas, including academic, personal skill-building, employment, independence, self-advocacy, and self confidence; and

Whereas, For students with intellectual disabilities, this growth is also reflected in increased self-esteem when they begin to see themselves as more similar to than different from their peers without disabilities; and

Whereas, Being part of campus life, taking class (whether auditing or for credit) and learning to navigate a world of high expectations develops skills needed for a more enriched adult life; and

Whereas, Providing opportunities for Postsecondary Education (PSE) for students with intellectual disabilities makes the statement that we believe in their potential for success. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the AFT Michigan will continue to strive for all students to be provided the best possible educational opportunity in order to achieve their **maximum** intellectual ability.

Submitted by:
The Resolution Committee