

STUDENT DEBT FORGIVENESS

WHEREAS: Many people choose teaching as a career because they are driven to ensure all students receive a high quality education; and

WHEREAS: This commitment leads many to work in economically disadvantaged districts; and

WHEREAS: The Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS: Teachers are eligible to participate in this program if they teach full-time in districts that serve low income families; and

WHEREAS: Teachers who work for for-profit entities that are subcontracted by districts that serve low-income students are **not eligible** to participate in this program, even though they would otherwise be eligible to participate in this program; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan believes that teachers who work for a public school, even if that school decides to contract with a for-profit entity, should be considered employees of the public school and thus eligible to participate in the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan will work with the AFT to provide training and support for all members in understanding loan forgiveness and strategies for managing student debt.

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Revised & Recommended by Legislation & Resolutions Committee

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