2020 AFT Michigan Convention Summary

Highlights of our 76th Convention, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on May 16, 2020 included:

- Welcome by Governor Gretchen Whitmer;
- Remarks by Kris Mallory from AFT West Virginia and a video message from AFT President Randi Weingarten;
- Delegates adopted a number of constitutional amendments and resolutions.

2020 Convention Resolutions
The Convention passed a number of resolutions that will guide our policies and actions moving forward. You can find the full text of each resolution on our website.

1. Policies Regarding Sexual, Romantic, Amorous, and/or Dating Relationships Between Teachers and Learners
2. Free All Immigration Detainees to Stop the Mass Outbreak and Spread of COVID-19 in Detention Centers
3. End High Stakes Standardized Testing, Mandatory 3rd Grade Retention, Punitive Evaluations, Grading Schools, and Merit Pay
4. Fight the COVID-19 Pandemic and Make Public Education Accessible

Constitutional Amendments
Delegates approved the proposed amendments to the AFT Michigan Constitution, which included no increase in monthly per capita dues in September 2020 and 40 cents increase in monthly per capita dues for full-time dues payers, 20 cents for half-time, and 10 cents for quarter-time in September 2021, as well as several housekeeping items.

Election Results
2020-2022 AFT Michigan Administrative Board:

President and Secretary-Treasurer
David Hecker, Lamphere Teachers #1614 and Edna Reaves, Detroit Teachers #231

Vice Presidents – Detroit Teachers #231
Sarah Niemi
Marcus Walton
Lakia Wilson

Vice Presidents – Locals Other than DFT #231
Zena Addae, Michigan ACTS #6482 Charlie Parrish, WSU AAUP-AFT #6075
Michelle Cook, Hamtramck Teachers #1052 Ian Robinson, UM LEO #6244
Michelle Kirk, Mel/NAP Teachers #1051 Lincoln Stocks, EFE #698
Jane Mazza, Dearborn Teachers #681
Linda Moore, Taylor Teachers #1085
Christian Nwamba, WCCCFT #2000
Daric Thorne, EMUFT #9102
Susan Titus, WSU UPTF #477
Jeff Whittle, Macomb ISD Paras #6216

Vice President - Higher Education
Jodi Monday, AAFMCC #6533

Vice President – Graduate Employees
Emily Gauld, UM GEO #3550

Vice President – Outstate Local
Mary Bacon, Ferris NTFO #6528

Vice President – Paraprofessional Local
Donna Jackson, Detroit Paras #2350

Vice President – Retirees
Angela Johnson, Detroit Teachers #231R

John McDonald, HFCCFT #1650 serves on Ad Board by virtue of being an AFT Vice President

Terrence Martin, Detroit Teachers #231 serves on Ad Board by virtue of being an AFT Vice President

A big thank you to all those who served on committees and volunteered to make our 76th Convention such a success!