

## 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  
Michelle Cook, Hamtramck Teachers #1052  
Michelle Kirk, Mel/NAP Teachers #1051

Charlie Parrish, WSU AAUP-AFT #6075  
Ian Robinson, UM LEO #6244  
Lincoln Stocks, EFE #698

Jane Mazza, Dearborn Teachers #681  
Linda Moore, Taylor Teachers #1085  
Christian Nwamba, WCCCFT #2000

**Vice President - Higher Education**

Jodi Monday, AAFMCC #6533

**Vice President – Outstate Local**

Mary Bacon, Ferris NTFO #6528

**Vice President – Retirees**

Angela Johnson, Detroit Teachers #231R

Daric Thorne, EMUFT #9102  
Susan Titus, WSU UPTF #477  
Jeff Whittle, Macomb ISD Paras #6216

**Vice President – Graduate Employees**

Emily Gauld, UM GEO #3550

**Vice President – Paraprofessional Local**

Donna Jackson, Detroit Paras #2350

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 76<sup>th</sup> Convention such a success!