



AFSCME 3800 Stands with St. Paul Teachers and Staff

Whereas all students deserve the right to a quality public education in their neighborhood school, and

Whereas all students deserve smaller class sizes to receive adequate attention from teachers, and

Whereas all students deserve access to a broad and diverse curriculum that includes art, world languages, computer literacy, and physical education, and

Whereas English learner students, special needs students, and all students deserve necessary support to succeed, including access to social workers, school nurses, therapists and psychologists, and other support professionals, and

Whereas teachers deserve to be adequately compensated for their work, and

Whereas teachers deserve protection against arbitrary “improvement plans” so that the talents and expertise of experienced teachers can be put to the best use serving the students of St. Paul, and

Whereas the St. Paul School Board, among other concessions, is demanding to take away union leave and demanding that Educational Assistants (some of the lowest paid workers) pay a 50 cents per check fee to process union dues, and

Whereas the St. Paul Federation of Teachers (SPFT) is standing up for the children of St. Paul and for all public employees and unions in this time of budget cutting and union busting,

Be it resolved that AFSCME Local 3800, the clerical workers at the University of Minnesota supports the St. Paul Federation of Teachers in its fight to negotiate a contract that addresses all of these issues with the At. Paul School Board.

Be it further resolved that Local 3800 contribute a sum of \$500 towards assisting SPFT and their members during a strike.

Be further resolved that Local 3800 will urge AFSCME Council 5, and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Regional Labor Federations to adopt similar resolutions.

Be it further resolved that Local 3800 will communicate our support to our members, including asking them to sign petitions and communicate their support for SPFT and its demands to the St. Paul School Board.