

Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and Education Support Professionals

Resolution 6.3.2020

Whereas, our city and nation are participating in, and affected by, protests over racism in not only the police force, but endemic in our society and ignored for over four hundred years, and

Whereas, our students are some of the most vulnerable subjects to this oppression creating unrelenting trauma affecting them as students and human beings, and

Whereas, “the cradle to prison pipeline” buttresses the racist police and *injustice* system by funneling many black and brown students into that very system that further oppresses our students and community.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers (MFT59) call for all students to receive full credit in all courses this fourth quarter, recognizing the undue stress of the current situation with the pandemic and the high-profile, racist police killing of George Floyd, affirming their worth as bright, beautiful human beings, and

Be it further resolved, that the MFT calls on the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) negotiating team to immediately accept MFT’s proposal for funded and developed Restorative Practices in our schools, as well as equity teams to examine suspension and expulsion rates in schools.

Be it further resolved, that the MFT calls on the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis to, not only condemn the actions of the four officers involved in the murder of George Floyd, but also to condemn and remove their president, Bob Kroll. We also call on the Police Federation to discontinue promoting the fear-based Warrior Training and to increase the amount of de-escalation training for their members.

Be it further resolved, that the MFT calls on the city of Minneapolis and state of Minnesota elected leaders to build systems to provide for public safety beyond policing and actively pursue the total reconstitution of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Be it further resolved, that the MFT condemns white supremacists, racism, and fascism and believes there is no place for those destructive ideologies within our union and others. The MFT will continue to identify and end its own racist institutional practices and continue to promote anti-racist efforts.

MFT calls on all our Union siblings across the country to adopt a similar or same resolution within their local, state, and national affiliates.