

1 **AFT DEMANDS ON POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS**

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4 WHEREAS, the teacher rebellions across the country demonstrate our collective power in the
5 face of austerity to demand high-quality free public education for all, health care for all, pensions
6 for all, a robust public sector, and taxing the wealthy to fund schools and public services; and

7 WHEREAS, economic policies that promote concentration of wealth among the richest one
8 percent, healthcare inflation and a broken private insurance system continue to put downward
9 pressure on the life standards of workers across the country; and

10 WHEREAS, the more than \$1 trillion in college debt accrued by our students, just to make it in
11 America, has burdened them with a lifetime of bank payments and reduced earnings; and

12 WHEREAS, burgeoning social movements like #BlackLivesMatter #RedforEd #DefendDACA
13 #55Strong #MeToo #MarchforOurLives #NODapl have shown us all a path to transforming our
14 society to benefit the vast majority instead of the wealthy few; and

15 WHEREAS, universal/full-day and cost-free childcare and Pre-K is increasingly unavailable in
16 most of the country to the majority of working families; and

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18 WHEREAS, the working people of America, whether citizens or not, create the enormous wealth
19 of this country while corporations and the rich profit from our labor and hoard our natural
20 resources; and

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22 WHEREAS, there is a dire need to alter course and implement a public-sector solution to the
23 problem of inequality and injustice:

24 **RESOLVED, that the American Federation of Teachers will hereby support the following**
25 **demands nationally and will expect its endorsed candidates to join us in supporting them:**

26 **1) universal healthcare, whether single-payer healthcare or Medicare for All**

27 **2) free tuition at all public colleges and universities**

28 **3) universal/full-day and cost-free childcare**

29 **4) doubled per-pupil expenditures for low-income K-12 districts**

30 **5) full public funding of public colleges and universities, including funding for**
31 **wage justice for adjuncts**

32 **6) taxation of the rich to fully fund the IDEA, Title 1 and state allocations to**
33 **public colleges and universities.**