



# WHAT KIDS & COMMUNITIES NEED

**Our public schools, our democracy, our freedoms and the well-being of our families and communities are all on the line.** Amid growing extremism, so much is at stake. And while others attack our institutions and smear working people, America's educators, school and higher education staff, nurses, healthcare professionals and public employees are rolling up our sleeves to help our students, patients and communities build a better life for themselves and their families.

We are creating a stronger, more diverse union that provides a voice at work and in our democracy. Working with parents, allies and community partners, we're focusing on the basics people need to thrive: strong public schools, colleges and universities; accessible healthcare and a robust public health infrastructure; safe neighborhoods; and an economy that rewards work, not just wealth.

## **Our priorities in the upcoming months will focus on:**

- Electing pro-worker, pro-community, pro-public education candidates up and down the ballot, so the people who represent us will share our values and help turn them into action.
- Supporting growth and diversity within our union and the broader labor movement, including strengthening collective bargaining so we can help build an economy that works for everyone.
- Defending our democracy and freedoms against unprecedented attacks and extremism, strengthening our civic institutions and protecting voting rights.
- Focusing on what our kids need, and what educators need to help kids succeed, especially in our public schools, colleges and universities.
- Demonstrating the value of belonging to a union and the important role unions play in communities.
- Engaging with our communities, deepening relationships and sustaining the coalitions necessary to build power so working people can have a better life.

**Together, we can accomplish what would be impossible to do alone.**

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## OUR MISSION

The American Federation of Teachers is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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