



SUPPORT FOR LABOR IN THE SCHOOLS

Whereas vast resources are being expended by anti-union forces in politics, legislatures and the courts to eradicate worker rights and destroy unions, and

Whereas little is taught about labor history and the role of unions in our schools and colleges, and

Whereas students will become workers and voters of tomorrow, and need to understand the important role of unions within our society, and

Whereas the San Mateo County Central Labor Council has long demonstrated its support for labor in the schools efforts that teach students about unions, labor history and collective bargaining, and

Whereas the Speaker's Commission on Labor Education is seeking to institutionalize labor education in several large urban districts utilizing proven methods of labor education for K-12 students, including the model developed by the Collective Bargaining Education Project in Los Angeles,

Whereas supporting a teacher in key urban districts who could work full time to train other teachers within their classrooms on labor education would benefit public education, teachers and students of California, and the labor movement at large;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Central Labor Council support the effort of the Speaker's Commission on Labor Education to create a K-12 labor education program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Central Labor Council work with appropriate parties in the labor movement, state legislature, school districts, and college and university labor education programs to facilitate the creation of a California "Labor in the Schools" program, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the California Labor Federation for similar endorsement and support.

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