

# PSRP AND SCHOOL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

2020 Resolutions

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## OUR MANDATE—COMBAT GROUPS WHO WANT TO DESTROY PUBLIC EDUCATION

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4 WHEREAS, the Ohio Federation of Teachers represents more than 15,000 members, including  
5 teachers, PSRP and School Healthcare Providers, in schools across Ohio; and  
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7 WHEREAS, our union has a responsibility to ensure that our professions, our communities, the  
8 services we deliver and our members are not scapegoated, smeared, demonized or discredited by  
9 groups that want to defund, destabilize and destroy public education and the labor movement,  
10 which is why we must be vigilant against the right-wing-funded groups, which uses  
11 unscrupulous and unlawful tactics to deceitfully represent union officials and educators as  
12 uncaring about kids; and  
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14 WHEREAS, through their shifty and underhanded filming, by infiltrating union offices and even  
15 entering schools as imposters, and splicing and editing encounters with educators and their  
16 representatives, certain right-wing groups seek to discredit educators and their unions, divide  
17 parents and educators, and silence the very organizations that give voice to educators who fight  
18 every day for their students:  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohio Federation of Teachers will continue to do everything in our  
21 power to protect children and ensure the safety and well-being of our students; and  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED, that the OFT will continue to fight for the resources, training and support  
24 that educators and school personnel need to create safe and welcoming schools; and  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED, that the OFT will continue to support local, state and federal policies and  
27 programs that increase the safety of students; and  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED, that the OFT will combat those groups who want to destroy public  
30 education and the labor movement and diminish opportunity for millions of students and their  
31 families by demonizing teachers and school support staff through unsubstantiated claims; and  
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33 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the OFT in coordination with the AFT will contest these  
34 deceptive, dangerous and fraudulent political attacks by right-wing groups by exposing unethical  
35 and unlawful tactics, providing training and support to affiliates, and pursuing legal action  
36 against these attacks where applicable.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNIZING INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES (RISE) AWARD**

WHEREAS, the US Department of Education has developed an award for classified employees’ Recognizing Inspirational School Employees (RISE) Award to recognize and promote the commitment and excellence exhibited by the employees who provide exemplary service to students in pre-kindergarten through high school; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) represents more than 2,500 paraprofessional, bus drivers, custodial and maintenance healthcare providers, secretaries, and other support staff (PSRP’s) in schools across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the OFT and their locals have numerous classified members who daily promote exemplary service to students, their community, and their school district all over Ohio; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohio Federation of Teachers, (OFT), will contact the Ohio Governor’s office and the chief executive of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas to nominate up to two classified school employees from Ohio by November 1st annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OFT will keep a current list of the classified employees that are eligible to be considered for the RISE Award, provided by the Ohio locals and will supply this list to the Governor by November 1st annually; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the OFT will support this recognition for our Classified members.