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New York, N.Y. 10014
January 13, 1976

To Branch organizers, trade union directors, teacher members

Dear Comrades,

Under separate cover you have received from Jeff Mackler in California material and information about the AFT Committee on Desegregation and Equality in Education. The organization of this committee is an important step in the effort to defend school busing which is coming under heavy attack from the Ford administration and in Congress.

We are anxious to win full support of all teacher organizations for court rulings on busing for purposes of school desegregation. We think this is possible, but it will require the organization and mobilization of all teachers who want to be activists in this campaign against racism.

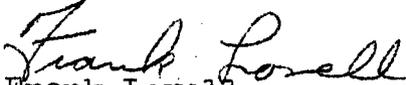
Our purpose in helping to organize teacher committees for school busing is to give elected officials of the AFT and NEA, at all levels, an opportunity to declare their open support of busing, for the desegregation of schools, and against all racist practices in the education system. We especially want to enlist the support of rank and file teachers, and one of the ways of doing this is to circulate petitions which all teachers can be asked to sign. The easiest would be to use the resolution for the petition.

Teachers in the NEA should undertake to organize probusing committees similar to what is being launched in the AFT.

Please let us know as soon as possible what success you have with getting AFT officers to sign the national resolution. Send copies of the signature list directly to the California committee, copies to us.

If you didn't receive a copy of the Mackler communication, let us know and we'll send you a copy.

Comradely,


Frank Lovell
SWP National Office

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1921 Oak View Drive
Oakland, California 94602
December 26, 1975

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To: Teacher Fraction, Branch Organizers, Trade Union Directors
From: Jeff Mackler, Berkeley-Oakland Branch
Re: AFT Committee on Desegregation and Equality in Education
Dear Comrades,

Enclosed you will find:

1. A slightly changed final copy of the resolution, Desegregation and Equality in Education. In the copy previously sent, I neglected to include one "resolve" now number four of the enclosed. This was an oversight in typing. The added resolve corresponds to the fifth "whereas" dealing with attacks on Black students.

2. A list of some 50 California endorsers of the resolution including the President of the California Federation of Teachers, Raoul Teilhet and most of the V.P.s as well as many local presidents.

If you have already secured endorsements, please contact those people to inform them of the change.

I'm sure the large number of California endorsers will be helpful in getting the resolution off to a good start.

Should you find endorsers who are particularly interested in the resolution, ask them to become part of the coordinating committee of the AFT COMMITTEE ON DESEGREGATION AND EQUALITY IN EDUCATION. This means their name will be used on the letterhead and they will take some responsibility for contributing articles and other material to a soon to be published newsletter.

Endorsers and coordinating committee members should be aware that the sole purpose of the committee is to win support and passage of the resolution. To this end, a newsletter will be published and a campaign conducted before and during the Miami Convention. The committee is not a caucus.

The bombing of the Boston NAACP office, the AFL-CIO Convention resolutions, past resolutions of the AFT, and various articles on busing will all be subjects discussed in the newsletter.

Please make every effort to secure endorsements by the third week in January. We hope to send out the first national mailing at that time.

Send all communications to me at the above address or call (415) 530-1031 or (415) 530-1035

Comradely,

/s/

Jeff Mackler

P.S. Several California AFT Presidents have already asked to be on the Coordinating Committee. Members of this committee should be officers of a local, preferably, the president. As soon as you notify me of interested individuals, I'll send them more information about the work of the AFT Committee.

AFT COMMITTEE ON DESEGREGATION AND EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

Desegregation and Equality in Education

WHEREAS, public education in the United States is under severe and sustained attack including massive teacher cutbacks, increased class size, curtailment or elimination of free lunch programs, remedial programs and bilingual education, and,

WHEREAS, a key aspect of this attack on public education is the virulent racist drive to retain segregated, substandard schools in violation of federal law and court orders, and,

WHEREAS, teachers, their students and the parents are the first direct victims of the attempt to lower educational standards and maintain segregated schools, and,

WHEREAS, we in the teaching profession are convinced by training and experience that massive federal funding is necessary to maintain and improve education; that students of all races suffer from segregated schools; that without desegregation, education will deteriorate further; and that segregated housing patterns in metropolitan centers and in many districts make busing for the purpose of desegregation necessary, and,

WHEREAS, Black students bused to desegregated schools have been violently attacked by racist mobs, often with minimal or no protection from local, state, or national authorities, and,

WHEREAS, the 1975 AFL-CIO Convention reaffirmed its support to busing to desegregate public schools, and,

WHEREAS, the AFT has supported busing in National Convention resolutions in past years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The AFT affirm its support for busing to achieve desegregated schools and help achieve equal educational opportunity.
2. The AFT continue to support all efforts for massive federal funding of public education, including remedial and bilingual education programs, as the only means to raise the standard of education and improve the classroom conditions of teachers and students.
3. The AFT encourage its local affiliates to actively support and participate in efforts to desegregate public schools through busing.
4. The AFT call for the full intervention of local, state, and national authorities when racist elements seek by force to prevent Black students from attending desegregated schools.
5. The AFT publish this resolution in the American Teacher.

I endorse the above resolution.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address (Zip)</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Position</u>
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November 25, 1975

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