



- With the 2020 campaign having begun, and in order to help ensure the AFT is actively shaping the debate for 2020, the AFT Executive Council approved unanimously a guiding resolution on our 2020 presidential endorsement process.
- The resolution is rooted in transparency and strives to generate the greatest level of meaningful member participation ever in the presidential endorsement process. By doing so, we help elect a candidate who shares our values and vision.
- The resolution not only builds upon what has worked, but also includes several new initiatives that will lift members' voices.
- These initiatives include:
 - **Highest level of member engagement, input and feedback:** This year's process includes broader engagement to help shape the endorsement process and ensure the candidates are addressing the issues our members care about. AFT is committed to using new tools and technology to provide more opportunities for members to raise the issues that should be part of the evaluation and endorsement process. These include live townhall meetings, endorsement website, telephone townhalls, and a broad use of digital platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Hustle and others.
 - **Candidates engaging directly with AFT members:** Our members need to be able to engage directly with the candidates to ensure the candidates understand and value the issues affecting our members and to provide an opportunity for our members to engage with the campaigns. Such events can take many forms, including townhalls, "A day at the workplace," Facebook live forums, etc.
 - **Pre-Endorsement campaign engagement by affiliates and members:** AFT affiliates and members are strongly encouraged to engage with the presidential campaigns, whether as favorite daughter/son candidates or for other reasons. This includes working with the campaigns and running for delegate to the party's national convention. The fact is that delegates will begin being chosen in the summer of 2019 in several states, including NY, IL, and others. Having our members engage with campaigns and being elected as delegates strengthens our ability to shape the debate.
 - **When appropriate, we come together:** After a thorough process that would take into consideration many factors such as positions on our issues, timing and state of the race, a candidate's ability to win and extensive communication with and input from the membership -- the AFT executive council may determine that it's in the best interest of our members,

communities, and our country to endorse a candidate. At this time, it is important that we all come together to dedicate our resources to elect the endorsed candidate.

- AFTVotes.org
 - The AFT has launched AFTVotes.org. This website will be one of the means for sharing information on the presidential candidates and for AFT members to provide input and feedback on the endorsement process. This will be a source of ongoing information about the process and how you can be more involved.
 - The site will include, among other things: information on the endorsement process, background on the candidates, and provide an online system for members to provide input about the issues that concern them and about the process for the endorsement. The website will be one of our primary tools for communicating with members, but it will not be the only one.
- We need your help to ensure we have maximum membership engagement. Your input is essential. If you have additional thoughts, please visit www.AFTVotes.org or email aftvotes@aft.org; or call the AFT Political Department at 202-879-4454