We care. We fight. We show up. We vote.

For a Better Life, and a Voice at Work and in Our Democracy

All Americans want a better life and a better future for our families—namely good jobs; quality, affordable healthcare; a secure retirement; affordable college; great public schools; a healthy democracy; and justice for all. The AFT’s 1.7 million members fight for all of this by ensuring we have a voice at work and in our democracy—through politics, collective bargaining and collective action. Together, through our union and with community, we accomplish what would be impossible to achieve alone.

We live in a perilous era of extreme economic inequality, existential threats to our democracy, and dangerous and growing ethnic and racial divisions. So we cannot rest—not simply because our opponents aren’t going away, but because we are the change agents, the movement builders, the dreamers and the fighters for a better life, a better world and the soul of America. Together, we will win a better life and a better future for all.

That’s why our union fights for:

- Safe and welcoming environments in our schools, our hospitals and our communities;
- The investments in public schools, colleges and services necessary to fund our future;
- The freedom to teach and the freedom to care so we can meet our students’ and patients’ needs; and
- The freedom to live securely on one job’s wages, with a decent retirement and the right to join a union, and without catastrophic healthcare costs or crushing student debt.