



**Milwaukee Teachers'  
Education Association**

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### MTEA Supports Resolution on Domestic Partner Benefits

In response to a resolution introduced to the Milwaukee School Board that would offer fringe benefits to the domestic partners of non-represented MPS employees and school board members, MTEA President Dennis Oulahan made the following statement.

“Our students deserve a great education provided by high quality teachers and other school staff. Our members are a diverse group of people who represent different religions, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. If we are to continue to attract and retain the best educators for our children, we must make sure they are well-compensated, respected, valued, and treated fairly. Fair treatment includes benefits that cover a domestic partner.

“At the request of hundreds of teachers, the MTEA introduced a proposal in the last round of negotiations to provide benefits to domestic partners. While the parties didn’t reach agreement on the proposal, we did agree to form a labor-management committee to continue our discussion on this and other important issues. We look forward to securing benefits for domestic partners in our contract with the school board as one of the ways to help the district attract and retain excellent teachers for our students.

“We believe the resolution introduced by Director Jennifer Morales is a good step toward resolving this important issue for those who are not represented by a labor union.

“Just as we advocate for fair treatment of our students, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, religion, or any other difference, we advocate the same for all MPS employees.”

The Milwaukee Teachers Education Association is a labor union representing over 8,000 teachers and other education professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools. The union’s mission is to improve the lives of its members and the students and families they serve.

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