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MTEA Applauds Passage of Education Jobs Funding

MTEA President Mike Langyel made the following statement in reaction to the passage of a bill that provides funds to districts to save educator jobs:

“We congratulate the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for taking bold action to put teachers back in classrooms throughout the country, and make sure our students have schools staffed with highly qualified educators when school starts. This is a win for students, families, and communities across our state, including Milwaukee.”

“Our union is particularly grateful for the unfailing leadership of Representative Gwen Moore in this struggle. Rep. Moore has been a tireless advocate for public schools, and she has again proved that she is not afraid to put children first. We also wish to thank Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl for their support.

“The nearly \$180 million that will come to Wisconsin will make it possible for students across the state to keep their teachers. The funds are especially important to us in Milwaukee, where over 350 of our teacher members and 300 educational assistants remain on layoff.

“We will be working closely with the MPS Superintendent Thornton and his top staff to implement the relief quickly, and bring teachers back to the classroom before the 2010-11 school year begins.”

The MTEA is a labor union that represents over 8,000 teachers and education support professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools. The union’s vision is to improve the lives of our members and the students and families we serve.

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