# FUTURE

#### #FundOurFuture

Educators, parents, students and their communities understand the importance of public education and public postsecondary education. Their frustration over the lack of sufficient investment has sparked the activism sweeping the nation. The walkouts and funding fights in states such as West Virginia, Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma, and cities like Chicago and Los Angeles, have been inspirational. AFT members are standing up. They are taking to the streets to demand the teaching and learning conditions they and their students deserve.

## We need to Fund Our Future

Years of disinvestment in our public schools and colleges have hurt our students and faculty. This austerity has led to overcrowded classrooms; schools without nurses, librarians, guidance counselors and supports to ensure children's well-being; deteriorating school buildings with outdated teaching materials and technology; and unhealthy, unsafe environments. The testing fixation, coupled with austerity, has meant the loss of instruction in the arts, music and other programs; and disinvestment has led to huge increases in tuition and student debt as well as fewer course offerings and full-time tenured faculty.

Starting today and throughout the month of March, educators and their allies across the nation are taking action to demand adequate investment in our public schools, colleges and universities, so students—particularly our most vulnerable and at-risk children—have the resources they need to succeed.

# Enough is enough. It's time to Fund Our Future.

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