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**Monroe County Federation of Teachers**  
**Calls for a Delayed Reopening of Schools**

**ROCHESTER, N.Y. August 10, 2020** The Monroe County Federation of Teachers (MCFT) expresses serious concerns for the safety of students and staff under current plans to reopen schools next month and calls on state and local education officials to delay the start of in-person learning until it can be ensured that all safety concerns are appropriately addressed. MCFT asserts that we cannot allow our schools to become epicenters for COVID-19 spread in our communities.

“We need to take our time and do this right,” said Andrew Jordan, Co-president of the Monroe I BOCES United Professionals. The stakes are too high to rush back to school before the safety of students and staff can be ensured when we have the option of providing remote instruction to students.”

Further, the MCFT calls on state and local officials to make rapid COVID testing available to all those working in a public education setting at easily accessible times and locations.

“The school community should have access to rapid and reliable testing if we’re going to proceed with opening schools which will be mass gathering places, said Brian Ebertz, President of the Greece Teachers Association. “We’re asking the County Department of Health to make testing available to all educators.”

The health and wellness of our students and staff are of the utmost importance. MCFT stands ready to work together with school policy makers and lawmakers of both parties to ensure that we keep our students and our educators safe.

Copies of the two resolutions passed by MCFT are attached.

The Monroe County Federation of Teachers is comprised of representatives of 20+ K-12 school districts serving Monroe County children and families, Monroe Community College, Rochester School for the Deaf, and SUNY Brockport.

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