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Quality Education Starts with Quality Teachers

Statement by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka in solidarity with public school teachers in West Virginia:

The victory for teachers and public employees in West Virginia is a true testament to their activism and an important reminder of the power of working people to improve the lives of everyone. Whether it is raising pay, providing quality health care or making our jobs safer, all workers know that when we join together and fight together, we will win together.

Nothing is more important to our future than the quality of our children's education. Teachers are the backbone of the education system and deserve the resources needed to inspire the next generation. A top-tier education, in West Virginia and across America, requires top-tier talent—and that requires an investment in our teachers.

That is why the AFL-CIO's 12.5 million and the entire labor movement were proud to stand with the brave teachers in West Virginia.

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