**Resolution PP (In Support of Planning Periods)**

WHEREAS: Planning periods are allotted time for teachers to prepare meaningful and impactful lessons for students, evaluate students’ work, provide meaningful feedback on students’ work products, and complete other tasks important in a teacher’s job responsibilities; and

WHEREAS: Planning periods are chunks of time in the workday protected by state code as it is the Legislature’s intent to provide this time to enhance instruction for all; and

WHEREAS: Planning periods are the product of hard-fought battles by unions to obtain and maintain this protected time in the workday; and

WHEREAS: Many administrators are asking and/or coercing teachers to forgo their legally protected planning period to do such things as cover classes, attend meetings, or complete other duties;

WHEREAS: Planning periods are a vital and necessary tool for teachers to have to be able to do their job effectively: and therefore be it resolved that

RESOLVED: That AFT-WV will dedicate the necessary resources to protecting planning periods and ensure that planning periods are not being infringed upon for reasons contrary to state code and the Legislature’s intent; and

RESOLVED: That AFT-West Virginia will continue to advocate at the local and state levels for the importance of planning periods for teachers and for students; and

RESOLVED: That AFT-West Virginia will educate members and potential members on the importance of planning periods and what is at stake if they are taken.

Respectfully Submitted by AFT-Marshall