



2020 Presidential Endorsement Process

- To ensure the AFT is actively shaping the debate for 2020, the AFT executive council unanimously approved a guiding resolution on our presidential endorsement process. The resolution is rooted in transparency and strives to generate the greatest level of meaningful member participation ever in our presidential endorsement process.
- The resolution builds upon what has worked in the past, and it includes new initiatives to lift members' voices and help elect a candidate who shares our values and vision.
- The key points of the AFT's 2020 endorsement process include:
 - **Maximum member engagement, input and feedback:** The AFT is committed to using new tools and technology to provide members more opportunities to raise the issues that should be part of the evaluation and endorsement process. These include live and telephone town halls with members and candidates, a designated endorsement website, and the broad use of digital platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Hustle.
 - **Candidates engaging directly with AFT members:** Our members need to be able to engage directly with the candidates to ensure the candidates understand and value the issues affecting our members. Such events can take, and have taken, many forms, including member-candidate town halls and Facebook Live forums.
 - **Pre-endorsement engagement with campaigns by affiliates and members:** AFT affiliates and members are strongly encouraged to engage with the presidential campaigns, including working with the campaigns and running for delegate to the party's national convention. Having our members get involved in campaigns and serve as delegates strengthens our ability to shape the debate.
 - **When appropriate, we come together:** We are strongest when we speak with one voice. So, after a thorough endorsement process that includes extensive communication and input from members and consideration of many factors—such as the candidates' positions on our issues, timing, the state of the race, and each candidate's ability to win—the AFT executive council or AFT convention delegates may determine that it is in the best interest of our members, our communities and our country to endorse a candidate. **At that time, the AFT and our affiliates will work together in every possible way to elect the AFT's nationally endorsed candidate.**

Visit AFTvotes.org to complete the member surveys and obtain information on the endorsement process, including candidate information.

If you have additional thoughts, please email aftvotes@aft.org or call the AFT political department at 202-879-4454.