

## **Motion Supporting a “YES” Vote on the November 2021 APS Mill Levy & Bond Proposal (revised)**

Submitted by the ATF Executive Council

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**Whereas**, all registered voters within the APS District will be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2021 election on the General Obligation (GO) Bond and Mill Levy; and

**Whereas**, the GO Bond and Mill Levy proposal will provide Students, Educators, & Schools through the APS Capital Master Plan with much needed funding for ongoing projects including maintenance and renovation of older schools, improving public school grounds, purchasing computer software and hardware for student use; and

**Whereas**, voter approval of this Bond and Mill Levy package will directly provide the APS Capital Master Plan with a projected \$630 Million for these improvements and equipment over six years; and

**Whereas**, the APS Capital Master Plan will boost the local economy by generating millions of dollars in construction activity each year; and

**Whereas**, educator working environments and student learning environments are one and the same and, as such, optimal teaching and learning conditions depend on safe, up-to-date, well-maintained, and climate-controlled facilities; and,

**Whereas**, the planned school enhancements and improvements will benefit APS students, educators, and the local community now and into the future while containing no tax increase; and

**Whereas**, this 2021 School Mill Levy and GO Bond Election will be conducted during the city-wide elections with absentee voting available as of October 5<sup>th</sup> and early voting open October 16<sup>th</sup>, making it convenient for every voter to participate.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Albuquerque Teachers Federation (ATF) recommends a “YES” vote on the Mill Levy question and the GO Bond question on the ballot in the November 2, 2021, Election; and

**Be it further resolved**, that members of the ATF Federation Representative Council urge all union members to encourage every APS employee, their families, friends and registered voters to vote FOR approval of the Mill Levy and General Obligation Bond questions between October 5 and November 2, 2021.