

Whereas the broad defense of Wisconsin public education is central to the mission of the Teaching Assistants' Association,

Whereas both Wisconsin's public K-12 and public Higher Education institutions have suffered from significant public divestment, from drastically reduced state aid to the weakened protections and rights of laborers' political powers,

Whereas this agenda of public divestment has been accelerated by Governor Scott Walker since 2010,

Whereas millions of dollars of outside aid from major conservative, corporate-financed donors have been contributed to Governor Walker's 2018 gubernatorial campaign,

Whereas these forces threaten to trample grassroots, pro-public education interests, from K-12 to higher education, from workers' rights to students' needs,

Whereas the Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN) is a grass-roots, pro-public education advocacy network,

Whereas WPEN is developing a "pro-public education" advertising campaign declaring "We LOVE Our Public Schools & We Vote" in advance of the November 2018 elections,

Whereas WPEN's interests and campaign reflect the TAA's priorities and interests,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TAA contribute \$100 funds from its Solidarity budget line to support the timely and necessary work of WPEN.