

Motion adopted by AFT Local 2000 membership meeting on September 20, 2024:

Urging Michigan Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) to Divest from Israeli Bonds

Whereas our MPERS retirement system currently holds over \$11 million in State of Israel bonds managed by the State Investment Board,

And Whereas Israel has been carrying out what is widely recognized as genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza including causing the deaths of over 45,000 civilians, the bombing of mosques, churches, schools and hospitals and the blocking of humanitarian aid in food and water,

And Whereas the State Investment Board has shown it can and will divest from certain countries, most recently in 2022 divesting holdings from Russia after the start of the war in Ukraine,

Therefore Be It Resolved that AFT Local 2000 goes on record calling for MPERS and its State Investment Board to divest from holdings in Israel bonds.

Respectfully submitted by.

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