

**Resolution of the Troy Teachers Association in Support of the Implementation of
Sweatfree Apparel and Sports Equipment Purchasing**

Whereas the Troy Board of Education has demonstrated a concern for purchasing apparel not made under sweatshop conditions by adopting a “responsible” bidder “sweatfree” purchasing policy in 2002; and

Whereas many school districts throughout the Capital Region have adopted such policies but are exploring ways to better monitor and implement them; and

Whereas the Averill Park School District amended their “sweatfree” purchasing policy in 2005 and included an advisory committee composed of students, community members, faculty and staff to monitor and help implement the policy; and

Whereas the involvement of students in such sweatfree purchasing advisory committees can provide valuable leadership training as well as aiding them to learn further skills in the fields of purchasing, budgeting, public policy, law, business, labor issues, international trade and other areas; and

Whereas the Troy Teachers Association supports the efforts of the New York State Labor-Religion Coalition to expand the creation of such advisory committees as an effective mechanism to implement sweatfree purchasing while enhancing grassroots student-community participation.

BE IT RESOLVED: The the Troy Teachers Association urges the creation by the Troy Board of Education of a Sweatfree Purchasing Advisory Committee composed of three students, two staff, two faculty and two community members and **FURTHERMORE:** That the Troy Teachers Association urges the Troy Board of Education to include sports equipment to be covered by the policy as allowed by a 2003 state law and **FURTHERMORE:** That the Troy Teachers Association share this resolution with and urge the support of it by the Troy Area Labor Council as well as student and community groups that may be interested in these issues.

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President