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**MTEA Leaders React to Scott Walker's Meeting with Trump:
Exporting Act 10 will devastate students, educators and public education
across the nation**

MILWAUKEE – Feb. 2, 2017 – Today the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association (MTEA) leaders released comments on Scott Walker's recent visit to the White House to discuss a national Act 10 law:

The following statement can be attributed to MTEA President Kim Schroeder:

"Act 10 was and is part of a coordinated national campaign to destroy the public sector, and let unaccountable, corporate interests rule with even more privatization. The students in our state have suffered because of it.

"From day one, Scott Walker's Act 10 sought to undermine educators' rights in the workplace and created instability for a million public school students across the state.

"In Wisconsin, Act 10 was immediately followed by the largest cuts to public education since the Great Depression. A national Act 10 law will devastate students, educators, and public schools across the nation."

The following statement can be attributed to MTEA Vice President Amy Mizialko:

"Public education and workers' rights are pillars of our democracy. Post Act 10, Wisconsin continues to experience an alarming crisis of teacher vacancies. Enrollments in Wisconsin's teacher preparation programs continue to drop.

“A national Act 10 law is meant to break the backs of public school students, educators, and our community.

“Despite Scott Walker’s Act 10, unions are going to continue to stand up for the best interests of our students, parents, communities, and educators. The members of the Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association are highly motivated and organized. We will continue to fight every single day for the quality public schools every child deserves.”

For over 50 years, the Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association has been a champion for public education in Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Teachers’ Education Association represents over 4,500 educators and support personnel who make Milwaukee’s public education system possible. MTEA, an affiliate of the National Education Association and is the largest educator local in Wisconsin. Learn more at mtea.weac.org.

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