

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 140836)

## RESOLUTION

Urging the School Reform Commission to resume contract negotiations with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers.

WHEREAS, On Monday, October 6, 2014, the School Reform Commission (SRC) voted unanimously to cancel the Philadelphia Federation of Teacher's contract; and

WHEREAS, Many of the contractual issues that are alleged to be the basis of the SRC's actions were issues that the Philadelphia Federal of Teachers (PFT) had put on the table and were negotiating in good faith, according to sources; and

WHEREAS, According to an October 21, 2014 *Philly.com* article, both the PFT and the SRC confirmed that the last collective bargaining session occurred on July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The actions by the SRC will have a negative financial impact on teachers, some of whom already pay out of pocket for school supplies required to conduct their classes and educate their students; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, October 20, 2014, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Nina Wright Padilla issued a Temporary Restraining Order preventing immediate implementation of the SRC's unilateral contract modifications, and requiring the parties to proceed to "*Expedited Labor Arbitration*"; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of both the teachers of Philadelphia and Philadelphia public school students, that meaningful negotiations between the PFT and SRC recommence immediately; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Philadelphia urges the School Reform Commission to resume contract negotiations with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers.

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*RESOLUTION NO. 140836 continued*

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the thirtieth day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Councilmembers Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Greenlee, Neilson, O'Brien, Reynolds Brown, Oh, Goode and Kenney

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