



FRESNO CITY FIREFIGHTERS • IAFF LOCAL 202

Dear Clovis School Psychologists and Mental Health Support Providers,

It came to my attention a little while ago that the educators at Clovis Unified School District were forming a union, the Association of Clovis Educators (“ACE”), an affiliate of the California Teachers Association (“CTA”). As the President of Fresno City Firefighters Local 202, I want to let you know that the Local 202 Executive Board and myself fully support the decision to unionize.

The Fresno City Firefighters are part of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and California Professional Firefighters (CPF). Both of our parent organizations have been very instrumental in moving our profession in a positive direction. With their support at the state and national levels, we have made great strides over time. We operate with local autonomy, but always have their support. I’ve spent over a decade heavily involved with our union in Fresno and can attest how effective it’s been being a part of these great unions.

In my experience, Clovis educators and mental health experts have repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to excellence to children in our community. In fact, many of our local firefighters send their children to Clovis schools and have benefited immensely from the great work performed by dedicated Clovis educators and psychologists. I am convinced our Clovis schools will benefit greatly when school psychologists have a stronger voice in decisions that impact their working conditions. I am also quite certain that once union, Clovis educators and psychologists will work closely and collaboratively with both Clovis administration and parents to give students the support they deserve.

If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dean Sanders
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Fresno City Firefighters