

1 **RESOLUTION 18**

2 **MFP**

3 *Committee 4 Education Funding*

4 Whereas: approximately two-thirds of funding for Louisiana’s public school systems is provided
5 by the State Legislature through an instrument known as the Minimum Foundation Program, and

6 Whereas: the MFP constitutes the base per-pupil funding allocation for public education in the
7 state, and

8 Whereas: the formula that determines how much money is necessary to fund the MFP is devised
9 annually by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and

10 Whereas: the Legislature has the authority to accept or reject, but not to adjust, the formula
11 presented by BESE, and

12 Whereas: the MFP is therefore a joint product of the efforts of both the Legislature and BESE, and

13 Whereas: after many years during which the MFP was never funded at a level deemed adequate
14 under the law, the MFP was finally considered “fully funded” in (YEAR), and

15 Whereas: in order to remain “fully funded,” the MFP has been increased by a minimum 2.75%
16 inflation factor every year since 2000, and

17 Whereas: in the 2009 legislative session, an agreement was reached by the Legislature and BESE
18 to forego the 2.75% inflation factor for the 2009-2010 school year, and

19 Whereas: the loss of the 2.75% inflation factor has resulted in cutbacks to programs and loss of
20 potential salary increases for educators, and

21 Whereas: failure to increase the MFP by an “inflation factor” of at least 2.75% in future years
22 would pose a threat to educational progress in the state; therefore, be it

23 Resolved: that the Louisiana Federation of Teachers encourage the Legislature and Board of
24 Elementary and Secondary Education to return regular increases of at least 2.75% in the base per-
25 pupil allocation to the Minimum Foundation Program.

26 Submitted by: Louisiana Federation of Teachers, November 2009

27 Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Tabled _____