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**Seattle Education Association stands in solidarity with the Palestinian People**

**Seattle, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** In response to the ongoing Israeli colonization, occupation and bombardment of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, rooted in principles of justice, human rights, and equality, Seattle Education Association (SEA) Representatives passed a resolution in solidarity with the People of Palestine. The resolution endorses the Palestinian call to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) Israel. Furthermore, the resolution endorses End the Deadly Exchange Seattle, a coalition of individuals and organizations demanding the end to exchanges and collaboration between the Seattle Police Department and the Israeli military and police. The recommendation overwhelmingly passed by a vote of 90%. Within this resolution, SEA representatives from across the district voted to:

1. Express our solidarity with the Palestinian people and call for Israel to end all current and future bombings of Gaza and immediately stop forced displacement of Palestinians.
2. Call on the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden to stop aid to Israel.
3. Endorse and hold Seattle Public Schools accountable to the international campaign for boycott, divestment, and sanctions against apartheid in Israel.
4. Endorse the demand of “End the Deadly Exchange Seattle” for an end to police exchanges between the Seattle Police Department and the Israeli military and police.
5. Call on other unions in the Martin Luther King Jr. County Labor Council to pass the same or a similar resolution in solidarity with the Palestinian people.
6. The SEA leadership will use all the existing means of communication (email, Facebook, texts, and any other social media the union uses) to encourage all SEA members and community allies to learn about these issues and to encourage people in their communities to stand in solidarity with unions and oppressed people in Palestine.

The Seattle resolution is closely modeled after the United Educators of San Francisco (UESF) resolution which is the first US public school educator’s union to endorse the Palestinian BDS call.

SEA passes this resolution in the interest of workers in and consumers of public education and sees the passage of this resolution as an opportunity to increase respect for the profession and public education, improve the quality of and access to public education for all students, forge partnerships with families, businesses, other unions, and community groups, and stand in solidarity with oppressed and exploited people internationally.

**For more information:**

[UESF resolution](#)  
[Labor for Palestine](#)  
[Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions](#)

[End the Deadly Exchange Seattle](#)