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Chair Cowles, Board, and guests, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony for this January 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. Happy New Year and I hope this finds you all well.

As we close our 10th month of COVID-19, celebrate the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States, and continue to battle racial inequities, I want to take a moment to thank you for the work you've done, and the responsiveness AFSCME has respected as we've brought issues and concerns to you.

We all know the work that needs to be done together, and while we will continue to improve consistency across the system, ensuring our members are safe and healthy, heard and empowered, appreciated and respected for the work on the frontlines we have done during this global pandemic, we are confident we will continue the strong relationship we have built with you.

We appreciate the work you are doing to ensure our students have opportunity to mental health resources, to close the education gaps, be more inclusive of students with diverse backgrounds, and encourage our most at-risk students they can be successful.

We have much work to do in 2021, and we look forward to it.

Sincerely,

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