

**SAFE SCHOOLS GRANT**  
**Merced/Mariposa Teachers UniServ Council**

The M/MTUC is offering a grant of up to \$1,000 to each chapter to implement the Safe Schools Pledge in their district. Funds must be used for student-centered projects, for example starting a club or hosting a one-day event for students.

**Safe Schools Grant Proposal**

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_ School Year 20\_\_ /20\_\_

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal (non-school) e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Overview**

Please describe the project, including the objective, targeted population, and timeline.

How will your project promote a safe and affirming learning environment?

List the project resources required and provide a budget (for example: materials, food, release time, etc).

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TOTAL	\$

# Safe Schools Pledge

I will stand up and I will speak up for my students, so that they all have a safe and affirming learning environment. I will take action with CTA/NEA so that EVERY student feels welcome and safe at school.

## Take the Pledge: Safe Learning Environments for Every Student

Schools should be havens. But right now, many of our students are scared, anxious, and feeling threatened. We are hearing from students and educators around the country who are encountering hostile, hateful environments in their schools and communities, with fake deportation notices being handed out and swastikas drawn in bathrooms. We are being flooded with reports of hate speech and images directed at students in our schools. Nooses. Racist graffiti. Threats to our LGBTQ students. Headscarves being torn off. Girls being assaulted. Children are hearing that they are not welcome in their schools and even in the country they call home.

There is no place for this in our schools. Educators know that this isn't about politics, but simply that every student deserves a safe, welcoming, affirming learning environment. In fact, research shows that learning is stunted when the most basic need to feel safe and respected is not met. The three million members of the NEA, the 325,000 members of the CTA, and our allies are here to say: you are safe with me.

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Signature: Project Leader

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Date

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Signature: Chapter President

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Date

## **Submission of Grant Proposals**

Submit grant proposals to the Merced CTA Office: 3351 M Street, #105, Merced, CA 95348; [mmtuccta@mmtuc.org](mailto:mmtuccta@mmtuc.org); or fax to (209) 723-9598.

## **Disbursement of Grant Funds**

Upon grant approval, 50% of the grant funds will be disbursed to the chapter. Further reimbursements will be made upon submission of invoices with a tally sheet.

Grant funds must be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the school year in which they are granted.

Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the Merced CTA office by July 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year of the grant.

A brief write-up of the project explaining how it fulfilled the purpose of the grant must be submitted with the final grant reimbursement request. You may be asked to present your project results at a UniServ Council or Executive Board meeting.

If you have any questions please contact the Merced CTA office.