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Dear AFSA Presidents:

The horrifying events of the past week have left most of us in shock. The victims of Hurricane Katrina will need help for many years to come. Presently, however, the need for food, water, clothing, shelter and medicine is the priority.

The American Federation of School Administrators has been in touch with Florida Woods, the President of our New Orleans local, the Principals' Association of New Orleans Public Schools, Inc. (PANOPSI), AFSA Local 17. Many of our colleagues have lost their homes. They have lost their jobs. Most escaped with little more than the clothing they were wearing.

AFSA has established the AFSA/PANOPSI Katrina Relief Fund to assist our colleagues. Our AFSA locals will be making contributions from their union treasuries to help our fellow school administrators and supervisors in New Orleans recover from this national crisis.

We are asking you, as Presidents of your locals, to urge your members to make donations to this fund specifically aimed at helping PANOPSI's members. We know that many have already given, or are planning to donate money to the Red Cross, the Salvation Army or other relief organizations. We are simply asking that some of those contributions be given directly to PANOPSI to help those colleagues who need help the most. Please make checks payable to **AFSA/PANOPSI Katrina Relief Fund** and send to AFSA at 1101 17th St. NW, Suite 408, Washington DC 20036.

All of us who have a roof over our heads, food in the refrigerator, air conditioning and a job to go to are the lucky ones today. What is the most shocking about this catastrophe is how quickly everything we take for granted can disappear.

Sincerely,

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Baxter M. Atkinson  
AFSA National President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill S. Levy". The signature is cursive and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jill Levy  
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