

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UFF and FEA to Host ‘Public Education Day of Action,’ Press Conference on March 7

The United Faculty of Florida (UFF) and the Florida Education Association (FEA) will hold a coordinated day of action on Tuesday, March 7, focused on protecting and preserving Florida’s public education system, PreK through graduate school. **Events on Tuesday will include:**

- A **virtual press conference at 3:45 p.m.** with Florida elected officials as well as state and national labor leaders (details below).
- **Local actions** at colleges and universities across the state intended to raise awareness about the assaults on academic freedom, tenure and freedom of speech in higher education.
- A daylong “**3-7 Challenge**” phone and email campaign. UFF and FEA are calling on all members of the public to complete the challenge, wherein allies make three phone calls and send seven emails to Florida officials, asking them to protect public education in the Sunshine State. Anyone can easily support or participate in the challenge by visiting [the FEA website](#).

### PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS

**What:** UFF and FEA press conference in support of students, faculty, staff and teachers at Florida’s public colleges, universities and PreK-12 schools

**When:** 3:45 p.m. EST Tuesday, March 7

**Where:** Virtual, [register for the event here](#).

*This press conference also will be livestreamed on [the UFF Facebook page](#), as well as through other social media venues.*

**Who:** Andrew Gothard, UFF President  
Andrew Spar, FEA President  
Randi Weingarten, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) President  
Irene Mulvey, American Association of University Professors (AAUP) President  
Noel Candelaria, National Education Association (NEA) Secretary-Treasurer  
Yvonne Hinson, Florida House Representative, District 21  
Paul Ortiz, President, UFF University of Florida Chapter President

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American Federation of Teachers, and AFL-CIO**