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**The Massachusetts Federation of Teachers Endorses Marty Walz  
For the House of Representatives, 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District**

July 16, 2004. The Massachusetts Federation of Teachers has endorsed Marty Walz for State Representative from the 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District.

“Marty Walz will be an outstanding advocate for public education,” said Kathleen A. Kelley, the President of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers. “With her background in early education, we are especially pleased to support her,” Kelley said.

“We urge our members, and all voters, to support Marty in the September 14 primary election. She is the most qualified candidate,” stated Kelley. The Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, part of the American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO, includes 43 locals representing over 22,000 members, including public school teachers, paraprofessionals and nurses, college faculty, nurses in hospitals, and municipal librarians.

“Because the MFT is leading the fight for education reform and the preservation of public schools, I am honored to have its support. I am particularly looking forward to working with the MFT on the full implementation of the Early Education for All initiative,” Walz said.

Marty Walz is Vice President of Development at Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc., a nonprofit that serves at-risk preschool children. Previously, she has worked for Boston Public Schools and as an attorney in private practice. She also has a long record of community service, including as President of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and as Chair of Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee. Marty is a member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and is a board member of The Women’s Lunch Place, a daytime shelter for poor and

homeless women, and NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts, an organization dedicated to protecting women's reproductive freedom.

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