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# McNeilly: Every Michigan Teacher Deserves the Freedom to Work, Freedom from Workplace Intimidation

*Two Teachers Win Freedom from MEA's Intimidation Tactics but Thousands Remain Under Attack*

**LANSING, March 6, 2014** –Michigan Freedom Fund President Greg McNeilly today congratulated a pair of courageous teachers who sought freedom to work at their local schools for their victory against intimidation by the Michigan Education Association but called on the union to stop flouting state law and to end its bullying of thousands of other hardworking teachers.

The MEA is no longer contesting requests before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission by Coopersville kindergarten teacher Miriam Chanski and wrestling coach William Arthur who, with others, last year filed complaints against the union for its refusal to adhere to the state's freedom-to-work laws. The union had refused to allow the teachers to opt-out of union membership as required by law, and threatened the teachers' bank accounts and credit ratings if they did not give in to the MEA's demands.

*"Ms. Chanski and Coach Arthur are heroes for standing up to the bullies at the MEA and winning their freedom to work under the law," said McNeilly. "Thousands of Michigan teachers have already exercised their freedom to work under the law, but the MEA continues to threaten thousands of other.*

*"Educators and lawmakers alike have drawn the line in the sand over bullying in schools, but the teachers union apparently didn't get the memo. It is long past time that the MEA follow the law and uphold teachers' rights instead of bullying them."*

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