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In Atlanta, Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested during a sit-in waiting to be served at a restaurant.

Because she sat down and refused to give up her seat to a white passenger, Rosa Parks was arrested for disobeying an Alabama law requiring black people to relinquish seats to white people when the bus was full

When Indian Civil Rights Leader Mohandas Gandhi was arrested he was said to be disturbing the peace.

Children as young as 6 years old marched, picketed, jammed the jails and juvenile halls, shut the city's shopping district down, and at last broke the back of segregation in Birmingham, the most segregated city in the nation

American Suffragists, Gertrude Crocker, Gladys Greiner, Alice Paul, and Dr. Caroline Spencer were arrested for obstructing a sidewalk in front of the white house.

What do these statements have in common? They all involve people fighting injustice, "bullied" by a system that needs to be challenged. They were willing to face any consequence in this fight. We, the members of the W-WEA, likewise face the challenge of injustice: injustice to the teachers, the students; and the community; the lack of an equitable contract. We must likewise be willing to face the consequences.

We have spoken by our actions, by our words, and by our vote. We have remained united and MUST remain united as we enter this tumultuous week. I ask each of you, my deserving colleagues, to recognize a just cause and identify a bully's threat. I ask you to stand united!

My personal favorite quote:

"Well-behaved women rarely make history."

~Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

My interpretation:

"Well behaved teachers rarely make change."

Thank you,
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