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## “Katrina”

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**SFX:** *Ambient sounds of children in a classroom.*

**ANNCR:** All across the country, millions of children are heading back to school...ready to learn. But in parts of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, many students have nowhere to go because their schools have been damaged or even destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

**SFX:** *Fade up serious, spare and dramatic stock music track.*

**ANNCR:** We're the American Federation of Teachers, the AFT. We know that all Americans have been emotionally affected by the devastation of Katrina... our hearts go out to the victims and their families...and the thousands who have had to flee or are without essential services.

We also want to thank those who have generously opened their communities, their homes and schools, to children displaced by this natural disaster. We look forward to helping ease the transition for these students who will feel the effects of this tragedy far into the future. We've asked our affiliates and members to give to our Disaster Relief Fund and we encourage all citizens to give to their favorite charities. Log onto [aft.org](http://aft.org) for more information and please, make a contribution today.

**TAG:** A message from the American Federation of Teachers.