

## **The American Educational Studies Association Executive Council's Statement on the ongoing conflict between Hamas and the Israeli Government**

The American Educational Studies Association deplores the premeditated and vicious attack launched against Israeli civilians, resulting in hundreds of deaths, countless wounded and scores kidnapped, held hostage, and unaccounted for. The AESA also mourns the devastating loss of life as well as the ongoing assault on the lives and livelihoods of the Palestinians caught in the crossfire between Hamas and the Israeli government in Gaza. The AESA condemns threats to free expression and the free flow of vital and accurate information to the public arising out of the escalating conflict between Israel and Hamas. The AESA supports the respect for open dialogue and the protection of human lives against war crimes, dispossession and basic human dignity. Political conflicts, even when they involve grave denials of human rights, can never justify nor be resolved through attacks on innocent civilians, especially the loss of children. We call on all parties to uphold the sanctity of human life and to safeguard civilians and human rights.

With peace, love, and in solidarity with life,

The Executive Council of the American Educational Studies Association