

STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT

Brazilian educators express all their solidarity and support to Norwegian teachers strike and their Union of Education Norway (UEN).

From Brazilian tropics, educators from all over the country express their support to Norwegian teachers' strike. In solidarity of working class, we stand for the union which organizes the teachers in Norway, *Union of Education Norway (UEN)*.

The close relationship of Confederação Nacional dos Trabalhadores em Educação – CNTE/Brasil with UEN is long-lasting through constant interchange and reciprocity of the two trade unions. We stand united for the Norwegian teachers, working in a country globally recognized as one with the highest level of wellbeing in the world, and so it is not supposed to regress and accept a devaluation of teaching profession.

In Brazil, we are aware that Norwegian teachers and their *UEN* are demanding better salaries and working conditions. Therefore, our duty is to give unlimited support to their struggle. It is a fair and legitimate strike as teachers have had a lower salary increase than other employees in the municipalities and counties. In fact, teachers have lost out in salary increases compared to other groups, both public and private, every single year. Working conditions of Norwegian teachers are getting worse, and this will cause the profession to be less interesting in the working market in the future. This is a common situation in third world countries like Brazil.

This devaluation is also seen with the increment of teachers hired without the right teaching training, which is a result of a shortage of qualified teachers in the country. Almost 1/5 of the workforce in the schools are not qualified as a teacher. It is very important that workers and Union stop and undo this dangerous trend immediately unless Norwegian society would live with an increasingly degraded profession, the one which forms the society of the future.

Considering all the above, Brazilian educators are together in solidarity and support to the legitimate struggle of Norwegian teachers. We all want to uphold their strike, their professionals and their Union!

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