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Letter of Support for CUPE Educational Support Workers in Fort McMurray and Edmonton

Dear Members of CUPE Locals representing educational support workers in Fort McMurray and Edmonton,

On behalf of the Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA), we extend our unwavering support for the thousands of CUPE educational support workers currently on strike. We recognize the invaluable contributions you make to the education system, providing critical support services that ensure students receive the quality education they deserve in a safe and supportive environment.

We are deeply concerned that, despite your essential roles, many of you earn wages averaging only \$34,500 annually—among the lowest for public sector workers in Alberta—while facing increasing workloads and job insecurity. The fact that you have been forced to take this difficult step of strike action underscores the urgent need for fair wages and improved working conditions.

The MRFA stands in solidarity with you in your fight for equitable treatment and dignified compensation. Should your job action continue, our members are committed to supporting your efforts on picket lines by raising awareness of the systemic underfunding that has led to these circumstances. Alberta's public education system depends on the dedication of workers like you, and you deserve respect and fairness.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are ways we can further support your efforts. United, we are stronger.

In solidarity

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