

## **Press Release**

### **Mount Royal Faculty Association Stands in Solidarity with Alberta Teachers**

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The Mount Royal Faculty Association (MRFA) stands in full solidarity with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and its Members as they begin strike action in response to the ongoing erosion of public education in Alberta.

"The struggles of teachers are the struggles of all workers," said Brenda Lang, President of the MRFA. "When governments undermine one sector, it weakens the fabric of our society and puts our children's future at risk. Together, we are stronger, and together we will push back against austerity and demand the public services Albertans deserve."

The MRFA recognizes that this strike is not only about fair working conditions for teachers but is also a direct consequence of the provincial government's chronic disinvestment in public services. The erosion of public services has become systemic, affecting not only K–12 education but also post-secondary institutions, healthcare, and other vital sectors that Albertans rely on every day.

"The ATA strike is a symptom of a much deeper problem in this province," said Lang. "The Alberta government's sustained underfunding of education undermines teachers, students, and the very future of our public institutions. We are proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Alberta's teachers in defense of strong public education and fair working conditions."

As part of this commitment, MRFA Members will be joining Alberta's teachers where possible to show solidarity in their job action.

The MRFA is also a signatory to the Alberta Federation of Labour's Common Front Solidarity Pact, a united effort among unions, associations, and worker organizations across the province. Through this pact, we affirm our shared commitment to defend workers' rights and the public services that all Albertans depend on.

### **About the MRFA**

The Mount Royal Faculty Association represents over 800 academic staff at Mount Royal University. The MRFA is committed to advancing the professional and economic interests of its Members, defending academic freedom, and advocating for strong, accessible public education in Alberta.

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