



January 31, 2018

Mr. Nick Faber
President
Saint Paul Federation of Teachers Local 28
23 Empire Drive
Saint Paul, MN 55103

Dear Nick:

Throughout negotiations with the district, educators have put forth a positive, hopeful vision for creating the fully funded, racially equitable schools our children deserve. They have mapped out an innovative approach to building partnerships necessary to realize their vision. But the district doesn't appear to be interested in partnering with teachers, and that's incredibly disappointing.

Our schools work best when educators are valued and their concerns are heard. Today's strike-authorization vote is a clear indication that it isn't happening.

The St. Paul Regional Labor Federation's 100-plus unions, representing over 50,000 working people, stand with teachers today, and we'll continue to stand with them as long as it takes to get the contract they deserve and their students deserve. We hope today's vote serves as a wake-up call to district leaders that it's time to get serious about negotiations. It's time to start listening to our educators.

In Solidarity,

Robert "Bobby" Kasper
President

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