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To the Members and Executive Board of the St Paul Federation of Educators:

We are writing as the leaders of the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE) to express our support for your efforts to obtain a just and fair contract for your members and St. Paul students.

More than a thousand of our members live in St Paul, and hundreds of them have children enrolled in St Paul Public Schools. We know firsthand the dedication and commitment your members bring to their schools every single day. Your passion in bargaining not for your bottom line, but for the common good of students and communities, sets an honorable example that all unions in Minnesota would do well to follow. Ensuring all students, regardless of mental health, language, special education, and other needs are met is a cause that is worth fighting for and we will stand with you.

We congratulate you on your strike vote. While we certainly hope the school district will see its way to meeting your just demands before a strike is necessary, we applaud you for standing together and making clear how vital these issues are to you. Should you conclude you have no choice but to strike, MAPE will do all it can to support your members and your efforts.

We are proud to call you friends and allies in the struggle for better public services in Minnesota.

Yours in Solidarity,

Chet Jorgenson
MAPE Statewide President