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Dear President Faber,

This letter is to express the Minnesota Nurses Association's full support of the St. Paul Federation of Educators in their negotiations for much needed services for their students who are our future.

As nurses who utilize the collective bargaining process to ensure patient safety and healthy patient outcomes, we understand only too well how important it is to make sure those we care for, be it patients or students, have the proper number of staff to provide the services needed based on the expertise and experience of the frontline worker, the educator or nurse.

We are in the midst of a mental health crisis in this country. Nurses know the sooner mental health concerns are identified, diagnosed and treated, the better the success that patient has of living a productive, joyful life. The public education system may be the only way for children and adolescents to have mental health concerns recognized for early intervention. We stand with SPFE in their proposal to increase these services for our youth.

The richness of our community's diversity is something celebrated by nurses. Ensuring all students, like patients, have multilingual resources available to them is paramount and the St. Paul Public Schools must work with SPFE to guarantee access for our immigrant community.

The Minnesota Nurses Association urges the St. Paul Public Schools to respect their frontline educators and create a learning environment that truly serves the purpose of our public education system, to be the great equalizer for all students as they pursue their dreams.

In Solidarity with SPFE,

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