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Nick Faber, President St. Paul Federation of Educators 23 Empire Dr. St. Paul, MN 55103

Via E-Mail: activism@spfe28.org

Dear President Faber:

The Oakland Education Association, representing nearly 3000 teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, speech pathologists, social workers and teacher substitutes in K-12, Early Childhood and Adult Education in the Oakland Unified School District, sends a statement of solidarity and a financial contribution of \$1,000 to SPFE Local 28.

In February 2019, OEA members went on a seven-day strike to fight for a living wage, reduced class sizes, more support staff and an end to school closures. Our strike demands responded to the decades of austerity measures and financial mismanagement that have reduced student services and have led to a teacher retention crisis in Oakland. The fight for the schools our students deserve now continues in St. Paul. The educators of St. Paul are taking on a courageous fight for education justice in demanding a fully staffed mental health team in every building.

The Oakland Education Association stands with St. Paul Educators! We look forward to hearing about SPTE Local 28's victory very soon.

In Solidarity,

Keith D. Brown OEA President

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