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Dear Colleague,

The *Fédération nationale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec* (the Québec National Federation of Teachers of Quebec -FNEEQ), which represents nearly 30,000 teachers across the province of Québec, extends its solidarity to the Chicago Teachers Union. We support your struggle and are following the events as they unfold.

Your desire to provide access to education, reduce class sizes, increase services and resources, among other aims, has an over-riding admirable goal: quality public education for all.

All over the world, governments say that education is a priority for society. However, these same governments cut, or seriously restrict, resources allocated to education. An education system that is slowly cut off from financial support from the state often turns to the private sector and increases student fees to fulfill its mission. This has several negative consequences, including impacts on the working conditions of school personnel. While the demands of student needs and class sizes increase, working conditions continue to deteriorate.

FNEEQ salutes the courage and determination shown by CTU and its members.

In Solidarity,

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