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Dear Faiz Ahmed:

I am writing to you on behalf of the 150,000 teachers who are members of the Ontario Teachers' Federation. The Federation wishes to express its support for the members of CUPE local 3903 in your struggle to achieve a fair negotiated settlement.

OTF Policy VIII Teacher Education Section A General states:

6. That in the event the faculty of a teacher education institution declares a strike in the course of collective bargaining, OTF would consider the practicum to be suspended for the duration of the strike, and OTF members would not provide associate teaching services to teachers in pre-service programs.

We will be advising the Dean of the Faculty of Education, as well as teacher candidates and the members of OTF and its Affiliates who serve as Associate Teachers for the practicum at York University that, should the strike occur, the practicum of all teacher candidates in the Faculty of Education will effectively be suspended.

It is our hope that this concrete show of support by OTF members will assist the members of CUPE local 3903 in achieving a negotiated settlement as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Rian McLaughlin
President
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cc: Kate Lawson, president, and Mark Rosenfeld, Executive Director, OCUFA