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COUNCIL OF NORDIC TRADE UNIONS

Message of Solidarity

Adopted by the Executive Committee of NFS – Council of Nordic Trade unions
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Dear fellow trade union colleagues at ZNP – The Polish Teachers' Union

We in the Nordic trade union movement stand in solidarity with your demands of better salaries for teachers and other school employees in Poland. We in the trade union movement have for over a century fought for better wages and working conditions, as well as democratic influence. As the voice of their members, trade unions are the legitimate counterpart in social dialogue and collective bargaining and our struggle to bring a better life for our members is equally as legitimate.

Furthermore, teachers and school employees have a very important role in education and democratic upbringing of our future generations. Therefore this struggle is even more important.

We are all part of a larger European trade union movement. Our movement knows no boundaries and your cause is ours. We hope that these few lines of solidarity will help keep your spirits up in your struggle.

In solidarity,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of NFS – Council of Nordic Trade Unions

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sonja Yr Thorbergdottir'.

Sonja Yr Thorbergdottir
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Magnus Gissler'.

Magnus Gissler,
General Secretary

The Council of Nordic Trade Unions (NFS) is a regional trade union confederation. Its affiliates are the 15 national trade union confederations of the Nordic countries which together represent almost nine million members from blue collar, white collar and academic sectors – including teachers' unions – in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

Founded in 1972, the main task of NFS is to coordinate and foster regional trade union cooperation in the Nordic countries, particularly with regard to employment, economic and social policy and in relation to ETUC, ITUC, TUAC, ILO and PERC. NFS represent its members in relation to the Nordic Council and the Nordic Council of Ministers and has close ties with the Baltic Sea Trade Union Network (BASTUN). Mr. Magnus Gissler is General Secretary since April 2014.