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WHEREAS 34,000 members of the Quebec teachers union, the Fédération autonome de l’enseignement (FAE), remain without an agreement following 5 days of rotating strikes held in conjunction with the Quebec public sector Common Front unions this past fall;

WHEREAS the Quebec Liberal government has cut $1000 per child in funding from Quebec public schools;

WHEREAS the Quebec Liberal government has only promised to restore a fraction of lost funding and refuses to put even that amount in the collective agreement;

WHEREAS the Quebec Liberal government wants to enlarge class sizes and worsen student-teacher ratios, including for students with special needs;

WHEREAS young members of the FAE and those who teach in adult education and professional training suffer from precarious employment;

WHEREAS the Quebec Treasury has so far proposed nothing more than status quo in compensation;

WHEREAS the FAE has relaunched its bargaining campaign under the banner “We will not Fold” and may stage further strike action;

AND WHEREAS the FAE has called a mass rally of teachers, parents and supporters in defense of public education on January 16 in Montreal;

RESOLVED, that (**insert name of your union or organization**) extends our solidarity to the FAE members in their struggle to stop the Quebec Liberal government’s program of austerity and to defend public education in Quebec