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Mr Francisco Jose Garcia Suarez General Secretary of F.E.C.C.O.O. Pza. Cristino Martos, 4, 40 Madrid 28015, Spain

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Re: OLME in support of general education strike of March 9

Dear General Secretary,

OLME wishes to express our strong support to the general education strike called for March 9th and for this reason we are sending this letter of solidarity to **FECCOO** addressing also all Spanish teachers going on strike on this day.

Living through seven years of continuous austerity, OLME stands by FECCOO defending public schools, as well as the dignity of public school teachers who serve in them. In a very similar manner to you, Greek teachers cannot and should not forget

- the severe salary cuts they have suffered in order to keep their jobs,
- the poor working conditions they have been compelled to see as normal at the times of economic crisis,
- the mobility and VET teacher dismissals that were eventually revoked after a series of union mobilizations and protests,
- the 60% reduction in the operational costs of schools, and
- the constant drop in quality education standards that has come to stay with our public school system.

OLME, therefore, vigorously joins the fight for 'No More Budget Cuts' in Education. When education suffers, society withers. We truly wish success to your mobilization.

For the E. B. of OLME

The President

 The General Secretary



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