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Becky Pringle, President
National Education Association
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(Via Email: bpringle@nea.org)

Dear President Pringle:

The Professional Staff Association (PSA) represents the professional employees of the New York State United Teachers. We work tirelessly to support NYSUT members in their fight for fair pay and benefits and we support the broader labor community in the fight for workers' rights.

The NEA's action in locking out members of the National Education Association Staff Organization is an insult to the work we do and the members we serve. Your decision to lock out your own staff, the people who provide critical services to all NEA members across the country, including NYSUT members, is unacceptable. At a time when both unions and public education are under attack, your decision to act reprehensibly against your own staff only serves to give the opposition fodder and undermines the important work we do. PSA encourages you, in the strongest way possible, to end the lock out and return to the bargaining table to work with NEASO members to achieve a fair contract.

Your willingness to lock out your employees rather than bargain a contract that provides fair wages, good working conditions and the other benefits sought by NEASO is antithetical to the union movement. I ask you to do better, and do it soon.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Vignaux
PSA President

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