



Iowa Staff Union

National Staff Organization

Statement of the Iowa Staff Union - NSO

The Iowa Staff Union stands in solidarity with the members of National Education Association Staff Organization.

The National Education Association's lockout of NEASO employees is a failure of NEA management to treat employees with dignity and denies the NEA's 2.6 million members with access to critical communication, organizing and polling expertise as we enter our back-to-school recruitment period.

Threatening to strip employee health care benefits and going so far to send out COBRA notices is the worst type of employer coercion and gives employers everywhere a vindictive playbook to point to when they seek to crush labor actions by our members. Thankfully, a national news story shamed NEA management into changing course.

Many of our staff in Iowa have a shirt that reads: *"I'm so union, even my union has a union"*

We wore this shirt because we are proud to be union members that work for a labor union – we walk our talk. Now we wear this message in defiance of the NEA and its heavy-handed, anti-labor tactics.

The National Education Association executive team, its bargaining representatives and the board of directors have let this lockout go on for too long. End it.

Let us all stand in solidarity together, again.

Until then, we will stand with NEASO and the members of the National Education Association.

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