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Solidarity Message to AFT and NEA

FLC CGIL Solidarity for March 4, 2025, U.S. Education Unions Day of Action

On behalf of the FLC CGIL (Italy) we want to show all our support and solidarity with the education unions AFT and NEA.

The "Protect Our Kids" campaign, organized in response to the Trump administration's threat to cut the Department of Education and the funds that come with it, is mobilizing teachers and all education staff, along with parents and students in the United States.

The prospect of devastating cuts in public education corresponds to a frontal attack on the rights of nearly 50 million American children who attend public schools, especially students with lower incomes in rural, suburban and urban areas and students with disabilities.

We fully support your call for a public education system that promotes equal study opportunities for all students. This right passes through the financing of schools and the enhancement of staff, starting with fair wages and stable employment.

In a context in which most school administrations are in the hands of neoliberal conservative political formations, as in the case of the United States with the Trump administration and Italy with the Meloni government, it is more necessary than ever to defend public education together, which guarantees social cohesion and the fact that the common good is above the interests of the market and private profit.

Ultimately, as FLC CGIL we share your demands and we support them. You have our international solidarity for the launch of any action you deem appropriate to increase the funding of education in public schools and strengthen the right to education, where equity, inclusiveness and quality must go hand in hand. The FLC CGIL, together with AFT and NEA, are organizations involved in the campaigns of Education International, #GoPublic! Fund Education. Together, we demand an end to austerity and better funding of public schools, because education is not an expense, but an indispensable investment for a better future.

Long live international trade unionism!

In solidarity!

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