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Laurentian University
935 Ramsey Lake Road
Sudbury, ON
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Dear Ms. Witty and Dr. Zundel,

I am writing on behalf of the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa.

Laurentian University faculty are on strike for the first time in decades. Like all educators, they would much prefer to be in front of their students. It is essential that you, the Laurentian University administration, take immediate steps to reach a fair and just settlement with the Laurentian University Faculty Association and allow its faculty to continue their academic mission.

A fair deal with LUFA will ensure that the university can sustain delivery of the quality of education that Laurentian University is known for, and that the Sudbury community has come to expect.

Your lack of investment in a number of key areas has left Laurentian's faculty over-worked and under-supported.

We stand in solidarity with LUFA and ask the administration to come back to the table and agree to a fair settlement that:

- re-invests in research and the classroom, including a fair faculty workload;
- increases the openness and transparency with which the university operates; and
- protects and promotes the positive, enriching learning environment our students deserve.

I support the Laurentian University Faculty Association and its hard-working members, and demand that you negotiate a fair collective agreement that resolves this strike.

Sincerely,

Susan Spronk, PhD
APUO President

cc. Laurentian University Faculty Association