

November 12th, 2021

## LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear parents,

Collective bargaining for the public service employees of the German *Länder* has been taking place since October. With the other public service trade unions, the German Education Union (GEW) has demanded a pay rise of 5% and a minimum pay rise of 150€. Public service employees kept important parts of our society running smoothly during the pandemic. Teachers, social workers and early childhood educators in Berliner schools, preschools, crèches and youth welfare offices kept working to develop and implement emergency care, distance instruction and digital learning. Necessary equipment, personell and binding guidelines were oftentimes missing, as you have probably experienced yourself.

We believe that appreciation and esteem for teachers, early childhood educators and social workers can also be expressed in terms of pay. Public service unions demand a pay increase that is at least equivalent to the sudden increase in inflation.

Employers did not make a negotiable offer in the second round of negotiations. Strikes are the only option left for public service employees to respond to the employer's blockade.

GEW BERLIN is therefore calling a strike for all early childhood educators, social workers and teachers at public schools, public preschools and crèches, at the Lette-Verein and the Pestalozzi-Fröbel-Haus.

The work stoppage will take place for the entire day on

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

The effects of the labour shortage are felt every day in schools, preschools, crèches and youth welfare offices. Good education requires attractive working conditions. We know that the strike is not easy for you or your children. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

GEW Berlin