

LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

pay negotiations for public service workers have been taking place since the middle of January. The trade unions GEW (education), ver.di (public services), and GdP (police) demand a total increase in income of 6%. An increase of the esteem of their work is of great importance for social educators and child care workers.

Unfortunately, there was also no result in the second round of pay negotiations on January 30 and 31.

The GEW BERLIN has called child care workers and social educators in public schools, the city-owned day care centers/kindergardens as well as the Pestalozzi-Fröbel-Haus for a two-day token strike.

The strike will take place all day on:

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and
Wednesday, February 15, 2017.**

Berlin does not have enough child care workers, social educators or teachers. These educators do demanding jobs every day. Only with appropriate working conditions and pay, enough people will choose these careers and your children can be well supported in their development and be properly educated.

We know that a token strike can be difficult for you and your children. Please support your children's educators. Thank you.

Best regards,

GEW BERLIN