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Kenneth Mash, Ph.D.
President
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Dear Dr. Mash:

On behalf of PSEA's 180,000 members, I want you to know that we stand with the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties as you work to get a fair contract that reflects the incredible work your members do for students in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education.

PSEA and APSCUF members are devoted to our students. We've entered the teaching profession because we love what we do and because we recognize that educating the future leaders of our nation, state, and communities is the most important thing anyone can do.

However, we all know that we can't do it for free. We didn't enter this profession to get rich, but we do expect to be treated fairly and compensated reasonably. Like any American, we want to be able to support our families, put our kids through college, take care of our elderly parents, and live middle class lives.

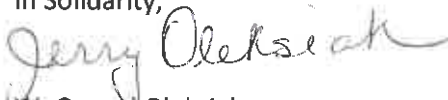
As educators, going on strike is the last thing any of us ever wants to do, but it is sometimes something that we must do. For APSCUF members, this is one of those times.

We can't do the important work that we do and attract new people to keep doing it unless we have the stability a fair contract provides. I am confident that the action your members have taken will yield dividends for them and the students they teach both in the near term and in the years to come.

It is my hope that you can soon return to the classroom knowing that your futures and theirs are secure, and your members can then continue to do what they do best.

Please know that PSEA stands in solidarity with you, and wishes you and your members well as you continue this struggle.

In Solidarity,



W. Gerard Oleksiak
President

The PSEA Mission

To advocate for quality public education and our members through collective action.

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