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To the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the schools of Stichting  
Openbaar Onderwijs aan de Amstel

Amsterdam, 28 October 2019

Dear parent(s), guardian(s),

On November the 6th, primary, secondary and special need teachers will strike. This is also the case for most staff working at the school of your child(ren). In this letter we would like to give you more information about this action.

Teachers, school directors and school administrators, working in the primary education sector, are seriously concerned about the future of education and the future of the children. The increasing teacher shortage, which we informed you about last September, has further added to these concerns. A growing number of schools do not have sufficient (qualified) faculty members.

As a result of previous strike actions, a first start has been made with additional investments for the purpose of salary increases and workload reduction. However, this is not sufficient to equalize the salaries of primary teachers with those of secondary teachers and to structurally reduce the workload. The trade unions are now demanding from the government that sufficient funds will be made available for a decent salary, sufficient numbers of colleagues, less workload and more flexibility in staffing and teaching time.

Every employee in the Netherlands has the right to lay down their work on the basis of the right to strike. Usually employees protest against their employer. The strike action of November the 6th however is not a strike aimed at the employer, but a political strike. Trade unions and employees will then use the means of strike to exert pressure on politics.

We ask for your support for this strike. Everyone is going to experience the consequences of the shortage of teachers and the lack of serious investments in primary education.

Together with our staff, we ask the current government to invest in today's education for the benefit of the future of your children and the generations to come.

We hope to have informed you sufficiently. For school specific questions you can contact your own school director.

Sincerely,  
Stichting Openbaar Onderwijs aan de Amstel



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