

**University of Manitoba Faculty Association pleased to receive support from The  
Manitoba Teachers' Society**

*UMFA, MTS, stand together in defence of public education*

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**Winnipeg** - The University of Manitoba Faculty Association (UMFA) is pleased to have the support of the members of The Manitoba Teachers' Society as they continue to push for a fair deal for their members and students. The MTS has written an open letter of support to UMFA members, and President James Bedford joined UMFA members on the picket line this morning.

"Manitoba teachers are proud to stand in solidarity with UMFA and support their right to fair and free collective bargaining," said Bedford. "Their ability to recruit and retain faculty to provide an outstanding educational experience to students depends on it. We stand with UMFA members in demanding an end to government interference."

UMFA continues to push for a fair deal that will prioritize faculty recruitment and retention. The University of Manitoba continues to fall behind other Canadian universities in terms of compensation. Years of government wage freezes and interference have only made the issue worse.

"We want to thank Manitoba's teachers for their support of UMFA and their ongoing defence of public education in our province," said Orvie Dingwall, UMFA President. "When we stand together, we can improve learning and working conditions for both faculty and students throughout Manitoba."

In addition to the support from The Manitoba Teachers' Society, UMFA is pleased to have the support of the University of Manitoba Students Union (UMSU) and several student associations on campus. UMFA represents over 1,200 professors, instructors and librarians at the University of Manitoba.