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Brother Dolecki,

On behalf of the 1200 members of CUPE 3909, representing student and sessional academic workers of at the University of Manitoba, I send our hardest message of support and offer our assistance in your struggle for a fair collective agreement at Brandon University.

We know that the decision to strike is not made lightly. As fellow educators we know how hard of a decision it is to strike considering the short-term impact on your students. However, we have no doubt that your decision to take strike action is a just one. Your actions are in the best long term interests of not only your members, but of current and future students of Brandon University. While we know the strike is difficult, I hope that you will find some solace in knowing your fellow educators are supportive of your action to defend the quality of education at Brandon University.

We encourage BUFA members to stay strong and united in the face of unfounded attacks from the BU administration and misinformed media pundits. The support BUFA members have shown the executive and bargaining team has not gone unnoticed, and I encourage you to maintain this solidarity. It is clear that from day one the Brandon University administration has sought to divide the BU community – and it is imperative that you do not allow this to happen.

If we at CUPE 3909 can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Your struggle is our struggle.

In Solidarity,

Matt McLean
President, CUPE 3909