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CLEVELAND TEACHERS UNION ISSUES NOTICE OF INTENT TO STRIKE

The Cleveland Teachers Union Executive Board unanimously voted that notice should be given to SERB of a strike to begin on September 1 at 6:00pm. In May, the members of the CTU voted overwhelmingly to authorize the leadership of the Union to call a strike (3829 Yes 106 No or 97.3% in favor of authorizing a strike).

Cleveland Teachers Union President David J. Quolke said “It is unfortunate that after 11 months of negotiating that we do not have a contract. We seek a contract that addresses the many concerns our educators have voiced over the broken promises of the last three years. All throughout this process, CTU has fought for a contract that is good for kids and fair for educators and we will not take a contract back to the membership that does not meet that standard.”

The State Employees Relations Board requires at least a 10 day notice of intent to strike.

Quolke added “Over the last 2 weeks - Cleveland teachers, paraprofessionals, and related service providers greeted Cleveland’s kids and enthusiastically began a new school year. That is why issuing a notice to strike is not an easy thing to do. It is our hope that the CMSD and the Mayor will commit to using the next two weeks to resolve the contract. It is essential that we invest in our schools and in our students, and we provide more, not fewer opportunities for students; and it is essential that we settle this contract and begin working to pass the Cleveland school levy.”

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