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Dear Comrades,

We write as Joint General Secretaries of the National Education Union to send solidarity greetings to members of your unions as they take coordinated national strike action across Greece today.

We salute the stand taken by your unions and the resistance of Greek teachers to the education reforms proposed by the Education Minister which would bring about mandatory evaluations of teachers and schools.

We deplore the legal action taken by the Education Minister in Greece to declare your industrial action unlawful.

We know from bitter experience in England and Wales that external inspection of schools and teachers can result in the standardisation of teaching as schools seek to meet the expectations of external evaluators rather than meet the needs of their students.

We stand with you in your declared aim to prevent these unnecessary reforms which would damage education, undermine the professional autonomy of educators and escalate measures towards the marketisation and privatisation of public education.

We salute the actions you are taking today in defence of public education and pledge our continuing solidarity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary W. Bousted".

**Mary Bousted**  
**Joint General Secretary**

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**Kevin Courtney**  
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