

Dear teachers in Slovakia,

We are a group of students from a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in the UK and we have heard of your plight. Most of us are teachers like you in our home countries or aspiring teachers, and we are sorry to learn about the current situation of teachers in Slovakia.

We support your struggle for better conditions and trust that your strike is not just for better wages but for better recognition of such a noble mission in society. Teachers are the backbone of society, they are the ones who influence children's life the most after their parents and who struggle to teach not only academic skills but also values and morals.

We feel for you as a lot of us know what it is like to teach underpaid and with shortage of needed materials in order to impart quality education that we wish for the students and that is expected of us by parents. We respect your courage to stand up to denounce your state of affairs and we hope that the Slovakian government will evaluate the situation with wisdom and help improve the standards of education by raising the budget for teachers.

Education should be considered the most important sector in a country because the making of leaders and fine human beings is constructed through the vision and efforts of teachers.

May your courage and sacrifice to improve education in your country be met with understanding and relief from the hard conditions you have found yourself in, no teacher should have to manage two jobs to make ends meet and additionally use their own resources to purchase needed teaching materials.

We extend you our moral support and best wishes,

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