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SOLIDARITY TO PORTUGUESE TEACHERS

The E.B. of OLME expresses the warmest support of the teachers of Greece to the teachers and all the other workers in Portugal.

Greek and Portuguese workers are dramatically affected by the same policy of austerity and curtailments.

We are denouncing the policies of the Portuguese Government, which by imposing the policies of Troika (IMF, E.U., ECB), further decrease the public expenses for education, salaries and the pensions of teachers as well as of all workers.

We are denouncing the decrease of the number of teachers and of the job vacancies in education.

We are denouncing the diminution of real wages / purchasing power (to 30%) and of pensions (to 25%).

We realize that the measures proposed in the State Budget of Portugal aiming to the achievement of these reductions will put at risk not only the quality of education but also important social responses, an unacceptable fact which will result to impoverished families and schools.

We are denouncing the reduction of curricular for major subjects, the closure of primary schools, creation of mega school clusters, increase of the number of students per class, the extinction of school projects aimed to combat school failure, the curtailments in operation of schools.

We are protesting for this policy and we declare our full support to the teachers and workers of Portugal.

We are calling for a protest outside the Portuguese Embassy in Greece (Vassilisis Sofias 23), on Thursday, 24/11/11 at 13.00 (day of the 24 hours general strike in Portugal).

With our common fights we will reverse the neoliberal policies of E.U., IMF and of the Greek and Portuguese Governments.

For the E. B. of OLME

The President

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