



August 11, 2017

Attention: Mr. Barry Rempel  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Winnipeg Airports Authority  
249-2000 Wellington Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 1C2

Dear Mr. Rempel:

Re: UCTE Local 50600 Strike

I am writing on behalf of The Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) to inform you that all MTS staff and its Provincial Executive will be boycotting the Winnipeg Richardson International Airport until a fairly negotiated contract with the General Bargaining Unit employees, members of UCTE Local 50600 of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) is achieved.

On average, MTS books roughly 300 flights out of Winnipeg annually. From here on in, MTS representatives will be making alternative travel arrangements that will involve departures from nearby airports that will not require them to cross the picket line. To date our staff has left from Saskatoon, Regina, Fargo and Grand Forks and each time we have tweeted this fact out with a photo and we will continue to do so. Additionally, we will be recommending that Manitoba's 15,000 public school teachers do the same.

While I appreciate that this boycott will pose logistical challenges for the MTS team, we feel that it is a small price to pay to show support for our friends and neighbours who are on a legal strike and have been without a contract for over a year.

I recognize that the Winnipeg Airports Authority's valued tenants will be negatively affected by this decision. The 300 flights we book annually equates to 600 visits to the airport where our staff regularly spend a great deal of money with the purchase of lunches, dinners, coffees and even travel bags from Bentleys. The best way for you to mitigate the losses for these fine businesses is to return to the bargaining table and negotiate a deal.

In your annual report, WAA employees are described as being "leaders in our industry and in our community". Also highlighted is that the WAA has been recognized as one of Manitoba's Top Employers for six consecutive years.

As President of Manitoba's 15,000 public school teachers, I urge you to return to the bargaining table immediately and treat your employees with the respect you claim to have for them and behave in a fashion that befits the title of one of Manitoba's Top Employers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Gould". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent underline at the end.

Norm Gould, President  
The Manitoba Teachers' Society

cc: Winnipeg Airports Authority Board of Directors  
Businesses of the Winnipeg Airports Authority  
Vince Dancho, Vice President, Operations, Winnipeg Airports Authority  
Mayor Brian Bowman  
Frances Smee, RM of Rosser Reeve