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SEIU LOCAL 73 COLLABORATES WITH NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

CU Offers Strike Loan of \$1,000 to Striking Local 73 Members

Morton Grove, IL - Northwest Community Credit Union (NWCCU) is pleased to collaborate with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 73 offering up to a \$1,000 strike loan in addition to their full roster of products and services. SEIU Local 73 will cover all interest fees on behalf of its members who are on strike, making the loan interest free for eligible applicants. The six-month, 0% interest loan will assist members of SEIU Local 73 who are employed by Chicago Public Schools and are on the picket line.

"We appreciate Northwest Community Credit Union and its dedication to the community and our members," said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73. "No one wants to go on strike. This is always a last resort and it is a serious decision made by our members because for them this is not just about fighting for a living, it's about standing up for safe, reliable and sustainable working and learning conditions for every student and worker in CPS. The Chicago community understands this, and the outpouring of support for SEIU Local 73 members shows the true heart of the city we hold dear."

This collaboration comes as SEIU Local 73 members enter week two of the strike.

More than 7,500 Chicago Public Schools staff represented by SEIU Local 73, including special education classroom assistants (SECAs), bus aides, custodians, and security officers from over 500 public schools, are standing up for better wages, better working conditions and greater investments in the city's public school system. They are joining teachers with the Chicago Teachers Unions at the picket lines, marking the first time in history that Chicago Public Schools staff and teachers are on strike together. Public school staff have been working without a contract since June 30, 2018.

"We fully support the efforts of SEIU Local 73 members in their commitment to the students, teachers and schools they serve. We also understand the financial challenges brought about by the strike and the resulting impact on these individuals and their families. The \$1,000 loan at 0% for six months will help to bridge the immediate financial gap," stated Jose Garcia, President/CEO of NWCCU.

SEIU Local 73 members can apply for the \$1,000 6-month interest-free loan, by following the two-step process below. For convenience, the entire process is available online. Applications are not available at SEIU Local 73.

Step 1)

The applicant must open a savings account with NWCCU and maintain a \$10 minimum balance in their account. Join NWCCU here:

<https://newmember.nwccu.com/ZJtgYoJRM7VyNHT/getting-started/landing-page>

Step 2)

Once the applicant joins NWCCU, they can apply for a personal strike loan here:

<https://newmember.nwccu.com/KsKYhQdhR0A8ixc/getting-started/landing-page>

For more information, visit nwccu.com.

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About SEIU Local 73

SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. SEIU Local 73 represents 7,500 Chicago Public Schools staff. For more information please visit the SEIU Local 73 website at www.seiu73.org

About Northwest Community Credit Union

Open to the public in Lake, Will and Suburban Cook Counties in Illinois, Northwest Community Credit Union is located at 8930 Waukegan Road in Morton Grove. NWCCU also has a student run branch at Saint Xavier University in Chicago and is a partner with Special Olympics IL. The credit union provides its members (community members, businesses and parishes) with a comprehensive roster of financial products and services to help them achieve their financial and personal goals. For information about Northwest's saving and loan programs, financial products and exciting promotions, visit nwccu.com or call us at 847.647.1030 or email info@nwccu.com.