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Media Advisory

Teachers at Yale Walk out Hundreds at Columbia walk off the job too

Hundreds of graduate teachers at Yale begin their weeklong strike on Monday April 18th. Their counterparts at Columbia begin their weeklong strike as well. This marks the first multi-campus strike ever in the Ivy League.

Strikers at Yale will be joined by Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz, and Representative Rosa DeLauro.

Teachers presented President Levin with a public petition of membership on December 14, 2004, certified by Bysiewicz. She announced that 60% of teachers in central campus had signed the petition. The public petition was published April 6th in the *Yale Daily News* with 300 of the 500 workers signed on. Teachers voted 82% to strike following Levin's refusal to negotiate.

GESO Picket Schedule for Monday, April 18

8:00am Breakfast at 425 College Street (First and Summerfield Methodist Church)

8:30am Picket around Old Campus (High and Chapel)

9:00am Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal visits our picket line

9:45am Connecticut Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz visits our picket line

12:00 Rally at York/Broadway with U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

GESO Chair Mary Reynolds said, "President Levin has left teachers no choice but to strike. He would rather jeopardize labor peace and undergraduate education than sit down and discuss basic issues of fairness."

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