



## **Congress resolution**

### **Theft at broad daylight – DKK 300 million expropriated from the teachers**

The Danish Union of Teachers urges the government to engage in discussion immediately with the Confederation of Teachers Unions on how teachers can be compensated for the collective agreement funding that has been removed.

With the statutory intervention that stopped the one-month-long lockout of Danish teachers, the Danish government removed about DKK 300 million annually from the previous collective agreement funding. This corresponds to compulsory abolishment of property rights or expropriation without compensation.

The Confederation of Teachers Unions has repeatedly requested that the Danish government address this matter; however this has been ignored by the government.

During the processing of Bill no. 215 (on the extension and renewal of collective agreements and agreements for certain groups of employees in the public sector) in the Danish Parliament (the Folketing), the Minister for Employment confirmed that the government had involved the employers in connection with the intervention. It is unheard of that the government only involves one of the parties. Through the intervention they have chosen to remove funds from previous collective agreements from a group of employees through statutory intervention and at the same time deny a request to discuss the matter. This is a violation of democracy and undermines the confidence in the collective bargaining system and democracy.

Give the teachers their money back!

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