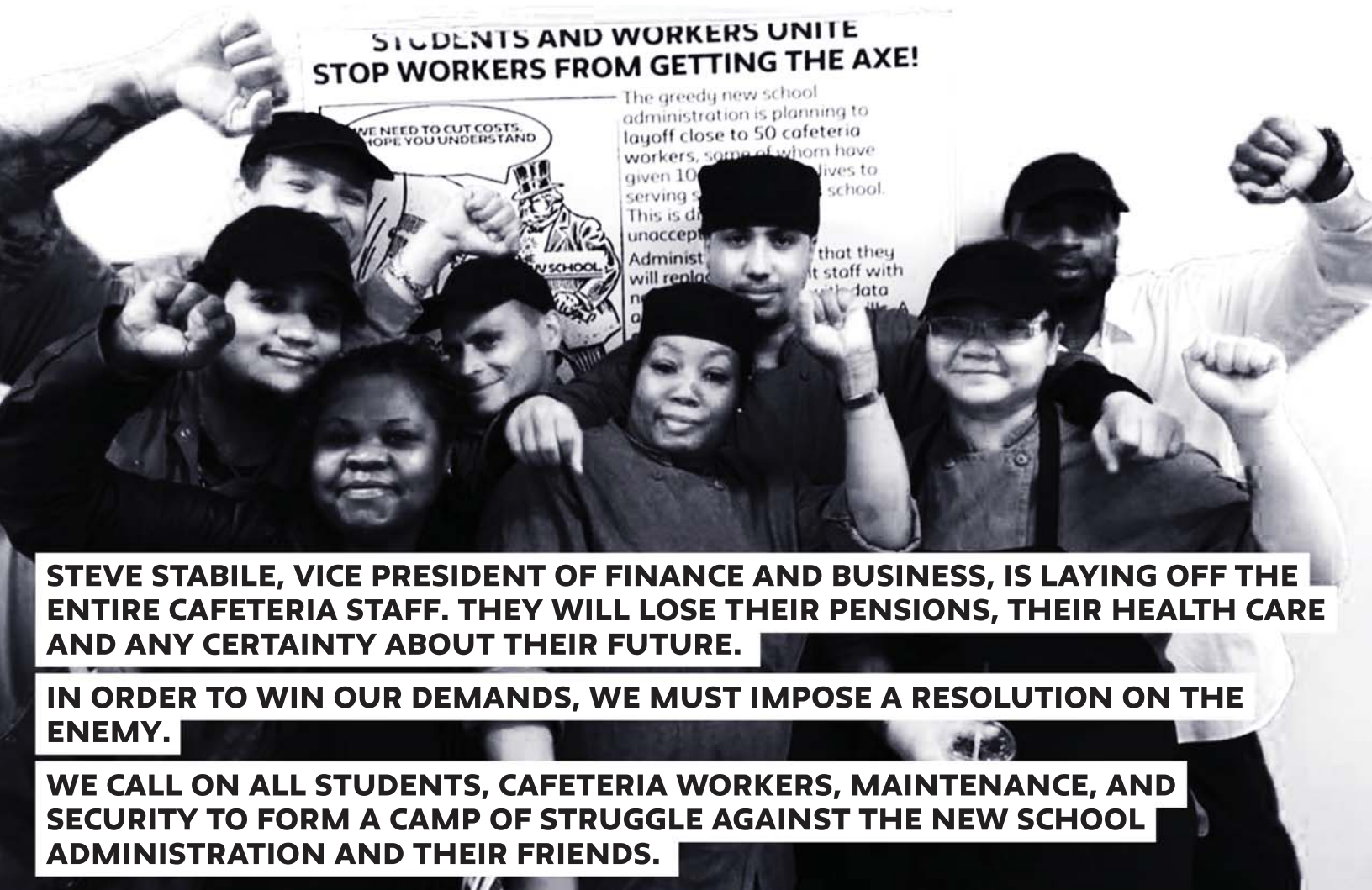


MAY DAY ACTION IN THE CAFETERIA STUDENTS AND WORKERS UNITED DEFEND EVERY JOB

**OUR DEMANDS: EVERY JOB SAVED, HIGHER WAGES,
SAME BENEFITS, TUITION VOUCHERS, RESIGNATION OF
STEVE STABILE, WORKER-STUDENT CONTROL**



STEVE STABILE, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS, IS LAYING OFF THE ENTIRE CAFETERIA STAFF. THEY WILL LOSE THEIR PENSIONS, THEIR HEALTH CARE AND ANY CERTAINTY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE.

IN ORDER TO WIN OUR DEMANDS, WE MUST IMPOSE A RESOLUTION ON THE ENEMY.

WE CALL ON ALL STUDENTS, CAFETERIA WORKERS, MAINTENANCE, AND SECURITY TO FORM A CAMP OF STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NEW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND THEIR FRIENDS.

EVERYTHING OR NOTHING. ALL OF US OR NONE.

**TUESDAY MAY 1ST 11:30AM @ 63 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK, NY 10003 UNIVERSITY CENTER CAFETERIA**

The administration is planning to lay off around 50 cafeteria workers, some who have given over a decade of their lives to serving students at this school. The workers need student support. We have to fight back to save their jobs – EVERY SINGLE JOB.

The **administration is trying to divide the people** in order to carry out the mass layoff: dividing students against workers and dividing the workers themselves.

—**Students against workers:** The administration is dangling the prospect of new, low-paying jobs before the students, including some positions that require data and finance management skills. They are appealing to the base self-interest of the students and their intellectual formation at the university in order to attack the livelihoods of cafeteria workers.

Students – science and knowledge in general – should not be used as weapons with which to attack the working class.

—**Workers against workers:** The administration is making the cafeteria workers compete with each other for priority during the rehiring process. But no one is guaranteed a job after May. The only thing that *is* guaranteed is that workers will lose everything they have now, unless every worker unites for collective combat, with students acting as reinforcements.

What about the union? The union has circulated a petition, which has gone unanswered by the administration. One union staffer with whom we spoke made clear her intention to rely on **individual rehiring** of workers **after they are laid off**, rather than on **collective resistance of the workers here and now** backed by **mass student action**. Rather than reinforcing the **individual interest**, workers and students need to organize a **collective combat** in order to further the **general interest**. This is why we say: *EVERYTHING OR NOTHING, ALL OF US OR NONE!*

Why Communist Students Support the Workers

Students at the New School are divided. There are **anti-worker students** who support the administration and the mass layoff. There are **indifferent students** who retreat into their individual concerns. And there are the **pro-worker students**, who ask: “What can I do to support the workers’ struggle with deeds?” Among the pro-worker students, we, the **Communist Student Group**, have taken the initiative to draft leaflets, talk with workers at the cafeteria, bring news of the layoffs to other campus workers, and organize meetings in order to build student support for the struggle into a **unified force that can resolve the situation in favor of the workers**.

We support the workers, because we are Communists. We want to wage a mass and militant fight, uniting all who can be united, in order to form the broadest camp possible – in order to save **every single job**.

What the Communist Students Want

The **Communist Student Group** was founded to contribute to the construction – with other collectives in the US – of a **revolutionary Party of the working class**, the headquarters of combat and knowledge of the proletariat and the people.

Society is divided into irreconcilable classes. At the economic level, the principal struggle is between labor (represented here by the cafeteria workers) and capital (represented here by the hedgefund managers and CEOs who serve on the board of trustees). The capitalist class has its own state upon which it relies to reinforce and extend its power: the army, political parties, the cops, universities, the courts, etc. As a **political** class, the bourgeoisie is more than just your boss.

We need to construct our own revolutionary political Party that can lead the broad masses to wrest that power away from the bourgeoisie. It is in the Party that the working class (a social class) can construct itself into a **proletariat**: a class in the political sense, capable of leading the masses in the seizure of state power and the transition to communism, a society without classes or a state, a society without exploitation or oppression.

While unions restrict workers to economic struggles (for higher wages, etc.), communists understand that the working people must not simply struggle against their direct bosses around economic demands, but unite to struggle against the state that enables the system of exploitation. In order to do this, the workers and masses can only rely on their own political organization: the revolutionary Party that we must organize, together with the masses in struggle.