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MTEA President Mike Langyel issued the following statement in response to the actions at the state Capitol tonight.

"Tonight, Republican legislators continued to follow Governor Walker's playbook lockstep. They arrogantly ignored the voice of citizens across the state. The state Senate's actions were extreme and unprecedented. What happened in the Capitol tonight was a violation of Wisconsin values and democratic principles. 18 state senators failed us all again.

"Milwaukee educators are enraged. We are more determined than ever to stand together to fight for our students, our parents, and our school district.

"We advocate for our students in the classroom, at the bargaining table, in the voting booth, and at the state Capitol.

"We will continue to join with our parents and community to speak with a strong, collective voice for the educational opportunities our students need.

"Tomorrow, we will advocate for our students in our classrooms. We will teach our students what democracy should look like.

"Saturday, we will advocate for our students at the state Capitol."

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