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Today our teaching faculty voted for representation by Illinois Federation of Teachers. The Old Town School leadership and board have supported a position of neutrality and have worked collaboratively with the teachers throughout the process. Today, we recognize their decision and know that there is work ahead to ensure Old Town School’s continued excellence in teaching and in serving our shared community. We continue to be committed to our partnership, as we work together to transform Old Town School, honoring the past and recognizing a bright future ahead.

Additional information about Old Town School of Folk Music:

Chicago’s Old Town School of Folk Music is the largest community school of the arts in the U.S. and a non-profit organization committed to celebrating American music and global cultures. Founded in 1957, the Old Town School of Folk Music provides a wide range of music, dance, and arts courses to people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Whatever one’s interest, the Old Town School provides broad access to more than 700 accredited weekly class offerings, private lessons, and over 400 concerts and community events per year.

The Old Town School opened its Lincoln Square facility in 1998 and expanded in 2012. The Old Town School owns and operates three facilities situated in Lincoln Square and Lincoln Park that include 425-seat and two 150-seat concert halls, 64 classrooms, an award-winning music store, a cafe and resource center. Children’s classes are also held at several suburban satellite locations. More information is available at oldtownschool.org.

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