

**POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO LUIZ SOUZA JÚNIOR**

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Associate Professor at the Federal University of Paraíba, died on March 4, 2021, victim of COVID-19. It is recorded that Professor Luiz was the first author to deliver his work to the Dossier Educational Policies, Management and Participation: dialogues and actions, with the text "The effectiveness of FUNDEB: an exploratory study in the education network of the state of Paraíba", written in partnership with professors Damião de Lima and Sérgio Andrade de Moura. | 2

He was affiliated to the National Association of Graduate Studies and Research in Education - ANPED, National Association of Policy and Administration of Education ANPAE, and National Association of Research in Education Financing - FINEDUCA. Among his various activities, he was chief of staff of the rector of UFPB (2004/2012), secretary of education of João Pessoa (2012/2014), graduate evaluator of the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) and Coordinator of professional programs in the area of Education of CAPES and State Education Advisor of the State of Paraíba.

His trajectory has left a legacy for those who persist here and insist on resisting: the struggle and confrontation for social injustices. With a broad smile, an open heart and an extreme friendship with those who lived with him in an ideal of life, the war left us, in the period of the waters of March, with a promise of life. The authors of this Dossier sympathize with their family and friends, strengthen our tribute, in the certainty that their life was not in

vain!

"Competent colleague, friend, partner of many days, Junior was present in many moments of intense work, discussions and, of course, beers! You know a nice guy, quiet, full of ideas and good energies? Active, always very lucid, collaborative, friendly. His departure leaves an immense emptiness and a desire to change the course of education and our society. In his honor, we must keep the flame burning and fight the disorder that shames our country. Rest, dearest, your struggle will not cease" (Alice Happ Botler - PPGEDU/UFPE).

"Prof. Luiz Júnior will continue to be a reference in the fight in defense of Public Education. I was his student in the master's degree, we were together in various spaces of the social movements of education and currently we were department colleagues at UFPB. We just have to thank him for all the learning and all the fighting. We'll keep fighting. LUIZ JÚNIOR, PRESENT!" (Augusta Aurea - UFGD).

"I can't express the pain of losing one of the greatest friends I've ever built in my life. We were brothers in sorrows and, above all, in the many joys that life has given us. I have always admired Junior's grit and commitment to the defense of public education. I experienced his dreams when he dedicated himself in the field of the administration of our institution and saw his eyes shine when talking about the construction of day care centers and projects for young children, when he was in charge of the Department of Education of our capital. I followed the education of his four children, observing the patience with which he sought to understand and support each of them and the dedication and affection with which he treated his wife. Junior did not distinguish, in polite and affectionate treatment, the family of friends. And it was as a friend that he welcomed all the teachers who sought him and questioned him, whether in the rectorate of UFPB, or in the Department of Education. This same care and zeal devoted to all his students. For these and many others, the institution and many social segments of our city stopped to honor him on his departure. One chapter apart is his history as a partisan activist. Yes, Luiz Júnior has always been a man of party and political position firm and defined, first in the Workers' Cause and then in the Workers' Party. But beyond all this, my friend Junior has always been the most human, most musical and most good person with the life I have lived with in recent decades. Even more, Compadre" (Damian of Lima).

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