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Dear DCPS Educators,

We are pleased to share that the Bowser Administration and DC Public Schools (DCPS), and the Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU) have come together to present a new contract for DCPS educators. The tentative agreement significantly raises compensation for educators and adds benefits for you and your families. You can read more about the contract agreement in the attached factsheet.

Our progress over the last several years was by driven you, the educators in our schools. We have the best teachers in the country, teachers of all experiences and backgrounds united in the belief that all students can achieve at high levels.

The Bowser Administration, DCPS, and the WTU have worked hard to create the environment, opportunities, and compensation that encourage you to continue your careers here. We are confident that this agreement will build upon that foundation by providing teachers with the additional professional compensation and benefits you deserve.

We are proud of this agreement because it reflects collaboration among the Mayor, DCPS, and the WTU. Our district makes better decisions when teachers are part of the process, and it is important that you feel valued every day. We look forward to a continued partnership throughout the implementation of this contract and the new DCPS strategic plan.

Thank you for choosing to teach in DCPS. As we begin a new school year, it is important to us that you know how much we appreciate the work that you do for every student that walks through our doors. We believe in each and every one of you and that together we will have our best school year yet. We’re all in for kids!

Respectfully,

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia

Antwan Wilson
Chancellor, DC Public Schools

Elizabeth Davis
President, Washington Teachers Union