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Washington Teachers' Union, Students and Parents To Hold 'Rally for Respect' on Oct. 8

WASHINGTON—Thousands of Washington Teachers' Union members, students, parents, community members and others are expected at a rally Thursday to denounce the mismanagement and unfairness that resulted in D.C. Public Schools laying off 388 employees.

The "Rally for Respect" at Freedom Plaza is being organized by the WTU, along with the American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"We are mobilizing to let Mayor Fenty and Chancellor Rhee know that we want respect, involvement, and greater accountability and transparency in the educational decisions that affect students and their teachers," said WTU President George Parker.

WHO: WTU President George Parker
AFT President Randi Weingarten
AFSCME Council 20 Executive Director George Johnson
AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka
D.C. City Council Chairman Vincent Gray
DCPS teachers, students, parents and community members

WHAT: **WTU "Rally for Respect"**

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

WHERE: Freedom Plaza (on Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., between 13th Street and 14th Street, across from the Wilson Building)

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