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**WHO:** Washington Teachers' Union (WTU)  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)  
DC Public School (DCPS) Teachers

**WHAT:** WTU Teacher Development and Evaluation Conference

The WTU Teacher Development and Evaluation Conference is the WTU's first-ever Teacher Development and Evaluation Conference during which hundreds of teachers across sectors will examine and share best practices for exceeding the expectations of the DCPS Teaching and Learning Framework and IMPACT Teacher Assessment process.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 16, 2010  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**WHERE:** Miner Elementary School  
601 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**BACKGROUND:** AFT's framework for teacher development, "A Continuous Improvement Model for Teacher Development and Evaluation," was created by an Ad Hoc Committee of state and local union leaders. This framework is both research and standards based, and it identifies the components of a comprehensive development and evaluation system designed to improve teaching and learning.

The WTU Office of Professional Development provides over 20 courses accredited through Trinity University for graduate credit to support educators in meeting the standards within the DCPS teacher assessment system. Drawing on current research and best practices, the WTU's professional development for educators and its' members promotes content knowledge and enhances pedagogical skills primarily through AFT's Educational Research and Dissemination program.

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