



MEDIA STATEMENT

April 14, 2009

**Joint Statement by
DC Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee,
Washington Teachers' Union President George Parker and
American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten
On the Selection of a Mediator for Contract Talks between
DC Public Schools and the Washington Teachers' Union**

WASHINGTON, DC —We are pleased to announce that Kurt Schmoke, Dean of Howard University School of Law and former Mayor of the City of Baltimore, has agreed to work with us to try to reach resolution of all outstanding issues surrounding the contract between the DC Public Schools and the Washington Teachers' Union. Our goal is to begin this process immediately so that we can quickly come to an agreement that makes the district and teachers partners in providing our students with the rich, rigorous education they deserve.

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