



## News Release

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### **WTU RALLYS FOR EDUCATION**

#### ***Joins Occupy Movement in Support of American Jobs Act and Educational Funding***

WASHINGTON, D.C (November 17, 2011) – The Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU) today joined forces with both the *occupy* and *labor* movements and hosted a rally for education. The rally focused on the benefits of the American Jobs Act and the nearly \$130 million allocated for DC schools.

“At a time when Americans are out of work and educational funding is being cut, it is critical for the community to come together and get lawmakers to pass this important legislation,” said WTU President Nathan A. Saunders. “Teachers deserve adequate resources and state of the art facilities to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and prepare our students for the future.”

The American Jobs Act will prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs across the nation and at least 35,000 public schools across the country, supporting new science labs, Internet-ready classrooms and renovations at schools across the country. The District of Columbia would receive more than \$45 million for 500 new teaching positions and nearly \$85 million for school infrastructure upgrades.

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The Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU) is the exclusive collective bargaining agent for the 5000 active and retired teachers in Washington D.C. WTU serves, leads and advocates in support of teachers, students and parents on education, labor and social justice issues. Learn more at [www.wtulocal6.net](http://www.wtulocal6.net).