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**WTU Returns to the Neighborhood**  
*Purchases new building on Capitol Hill*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 16, 2011) - The Washington Teachers' Union purchased its first corporate headquarters realizing a goal envisioned by the organization's founders more than 40 years ago.

The property is located at 1237, 1239, and 1241 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. It features three connected townhouses of 9000 Sq. Ft.

"We are reconnecting and growing our relationships with parents, students and communities. A part of the process naturally encourages our relationships shift from K Street NW into neighborhoods," said Washington Teachers' Union President Nathan A. Saunders. "It is a goal that has been sought after for over 44 years and I am honored that the Executive Board and I could deliver."

The new headquarters of the Washington Teachers' Union is currently undergoing extensive renovation. The WTU expects to move in by September 2012.

The new facility will feature uniquely designed spaces to encourage a contemporary union member experience. An onsite WTU Teachers' Center will provide high quality professional development geared to helping members become better classroom teachers and service providers while enhancing technology skills. The new building will house a 3000 Sq. Ft. Wellness Center for WTU members. The Wellness Center will feature yoga and nutrition classes as well as dance and circuit training activities, just to name a few.

"Overall, retirees and active teachers will access the WTU for personal and professional development. Our ultimate goal is to foster and sustain happier and healthier members who will get access to supports that will lead them to become better teachers," stated President Saunders.

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