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### **WTU Meets With the White House in Support of the American Jobs Act *Welcomes \$45 million to put DC teachers back to work***

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 20, 2011) - Washington Teachers' Union President Nathan Saunders met yesterday with senior advisors to President Obama on the American Jobs Act, expressing his support for the nearly \$130 million allocated for DC schools.

“It is imperative that we provide our teachers with the resources and facilities they need to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Saunders. “The president’s plan will do just that, with the District of Columbia receiving \$45.1 million to support more than 500 teaching positions and \$84.7 million to improve our classrooms and schools.”

The American Jobs Act allocates more than \$75 billion towards education across the country, which includes \$30 billion to prevent 280,000 teacher layoffs, \$30 billion to modernize and renovate 35,000 schools, as well a plan to rehire former early-childhood, elementary and secondary public education teachers.

President Obama sent Congress the American jobs Act on September 12, 2011.

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