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DCPS Stakeholder Survey is Clear: Central Office Should Do More for Teachers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 27, 2011) - Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) President Nathan A. Saunders welcomed the release of the District of Columbia Public Schools' (DCPS) 2011 Stakeholder Survey results but highlighted that DCPS Central Office should offer more support for teachers.

“WTU commends DCPS for seeking input into the performance of our schools from parents, teachers, students and other key stakeholders,” said Saunders. We are pleased to see that the community recognizes the hard work and dedication of our teachers, but more work needs to be done. It is unfortunate that fewer than half our teachers feel that DCPS Central Office effectively supports professional development and veteran educators.”

According to the report, DCPS surveyed 24,000 respondents including students in grades 5-12, parents, teachers, administrators and staff. Questions focused on teaching and learning, resources, family and community engagement, school safety and leadership.

“The results speak for themselves. While our teachers feel supported by their principals, they do not feel that the District provides enough instructional support in the areas of technology, special education, behavior management and conflict resolution,” said Saunders.

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