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WTU WELCOMES NEW SCHOOLS

Calls upon Chancellor to integrate existing, effective and experienced teachers.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 23, 2011) – *The Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) today released the following statement in response to the Ward 5 Great Schools Initiative proposed by the District of Columbia Public Schools' Chancellor Kaya Henderson on November 16:*

“I am pleased to see that the Chancellor has proposed the addition of three new middle schools in Ward 5,” said Washington Teachers’ Union President Nathan A. Saunders. “It is important that parents have options for their children.”

“School closings can create anxiety and may lead to some instability within the teaching workforce,” he said. “Our students and teachers are best served with an orderly transition. I call upon the Chancellor to take reasonable measures to integrate existing, effective and experienced teachers within these new schools.”

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