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Washington Teachers' Union Recovers Long-Lost \$1.2 million Teacher Annuity and Aid Distribution Fund; Provides One-Time Disability Cash Benefit for Teachers

Renovations Continue on New, Member-Centric Capitol Hill Headquarters

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 18, 2012)—Today, the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) announces the recovery of a \$1.2 million Teacher Annuity and Aid Distribution Fund that was originally established exclusively for white teachers in 1894 by the Teachers' Annuity and Aid Association of the District of Columbia to provide one-time financial assistance to teachers with permanent and temporary disabilities and help off-set medical costs.

“We are thrilled to recover valuable resources to help all educators in the District of Columbia during a time when they need us most,” said Washington Teachers' Union President Nathan Saunders. “Whether it is the Teacher Annuity and Aid Distribution Fund or our new Capitol Hill headquarters, WTU is steadfast in broadening our commitment to educators, students, parents and the community at-large”

With an increased focus on member services, WTU's new 9,000 square-foot headquarters located in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE is currently undergoing extensive renovations and will feature an expanded professional development center with robust learning opportunities, a member wellness center and lounge, administrative offices and more.

“After more than 40 years, we are proud to realize a goal envisioned by the organization's founders and reconnect with the city's neighborhoods to nurture our relationships with students, parents, and communities,” said Saunders.

WTU's new headquarters is expected to be complete in September 2012.

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About the Washington Teachers' Union: The Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) represents more than 5,000 active and retired teachers in Washington D.C. WTU is dedicated to fulfilling a commitment to build great minds by improving the quality of support, resources, compensation and working conditions for public servants and proud teachers who educate students in D.C. Public Schools. To learn more, please visit www.wtulocal6.org.

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