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To whom it may concern:

As a Councilmember, Former State Board of Education Representative, and a father, I stand firmly behind the Washington Teachers Union (WTU) in their ongoing negotiations with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) for a contract that reflects the dedication and hard work they bring to our classrooms each day.

We must continue to address the crucial issues to ensure the safety of schools and provide educators with the respect and compensation they deserve. It is essential to recognize and retain the commitment of our teachers, who continue to work tirelessly even under an expired contract.

As we navigate the challenges of maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment, it is imperative that we continue to prioritize the well-being of our educators and students. The sustained and specific support outlined in WTU's contract requests is not only necessary but also reflective of our shared commitment to excellence in education.

I urge DCPS to recognize the invaluable contributions of our teachers and to engage in constructive dialogue to reach a fair and equitable agreement. Our educators deserve nothing less than the utmost respect and support as they work tirelessly to shape the future of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trayon White Sr." in a cursive style.

Trayon White Sr.

Councilmember, Ward 8