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**STATEMENT BY GEORGE PARKER, PRESIDENT,  
WASHINGTON TEACHERS' UNION,  
ON D.C. SUPERIOR COURT RULING ON MOTION TO  
RE-OPEN RECORD ON TEACHER LAYOFF CASE**

*Judge Judith Bartnoff today issued a ruling in favor of the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) motions to re-open the record on the case of the 266 teachers terminated last fall, and to delay a decision on binding arbitration originally set for today.*

**WASHINGTON**—What is made evident by Judge Bartnoff's ruling today is that full disclosure and transparency are of the utmost importance when making decisions about school district finances. This is particularly true when these decisions impact the lives of 266 teachers and their students.

The WTU never backed away from its pledge to continue to fight for the students and teachers whose school year was disrupted needlessly last fall, and we have consistently and publicly expressed our doubts as to the District of Columbia Public Schools' claim of a budget shortfall.

We once again call on Mayor Fenty and Chancellor Rhee to work with the union on a reinstatement plan for the laid-off teachers. In the meantime, we are working with our legal counsel to compile all necessary documentation related to this case as we continue efforts to bring this matter to a conclusion.

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