



WASHINGTON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Fact-Finding Update

I am sorry that I have to report that Fact-Finding was not successful today. Technically, we are still in bargaining, and can continue to meet with the District. Currently, however, there are no further bargaining sessions scheduled.

At the end of September, the neutral member of the Fact-Finding panel will issue a report. Until then, we are constrained about what we can say - either about what happened today or about where our current bargaining positions are. We believe that we are fairly close to a settlement.

I wish I had better news.

In the meantime please thank the bargaining team: Linda McMahan, Gwen Brannin, Kathy Hiramoto, Monica Reeves, Joe Schumacher, and Matt Wilkins. They put in an incredible amount of effort today - as they have been doing over the last year. They are probably as exhausted and discouraged as I am, and could use a good word.

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