

Subject: DFTA article - Seeking comment before 10am Thursday

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Hello Dr. Curry, Denise,

Tomorrow, about 11am, I plan to publish the attached article. Please reply with any comments, and they will be published as well. I have also attached a fact sheet.

In particular, please review the following statements:

1. They've been negotiating since April and have been given a "hard no" to their requests, according to Michelle Mitchell, President of DFTA, Local #4324.
2. Mitchell says they asked for same-school enrollment, but they were told "to our face" that they were "not a part of the community". The District representative who told her that is now deceased, and unable to respond to the accusation, so I am withholding their name. And she says the District did not record the meeting, so I can't provide proof.
3. Mitchell says Pershing Early Learning & Essential Skills TAs are already changing diapers, since the District no longer requires the littles to be potty-trained before attending school.
4. She says the District also wants newly-hired Kindergarten and 1st-grade TAs to help with diaper changing.
5. Mitchell says "I guess [Dr. Curry]'s the one who's giving the hard 'no's, youknow, because he's finagling the numbers, but yet they have a \$40 million dollar surplus, yaknow, and they have \$4 million dollars in an account over in China, that they are investing in." (I provided some additional context on DPS funds in the article)
6. Mitchell says "I am aware of issues with [the] Security [union]," SEIU Local 73, but declined to comment on it. The Security contract also expired on June 30, 2023.

Thanks,
Reed Sutman

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