

Dear Reinstate Dr. Siebens Listserv Subscriber,

1. **Eduwonkette — PART 2 Posted**



Gotta love Eduwonkette, how she calls it the way she sees it and how in her posting two days ago she shined the bright light of national attention onto the travesty of Dr. Siebens' removal from Wilson.

As she wrote in Monday's post on her blog: ***"What I need is for you to have trust, in me and in the school district....I know that trust doesn't come overnight, and I have to earn that trust," Michelle Rhee recently said. What Rhee must realize, of course, is that debacles like the dismissal of Art Siebens eat away at that trust, as does her refusal to even consider that the principal made the wrong call here. Art Siebens has 18 years of data, a PhD, a gaggle of national awards, and a legion of parents and students standing behind him. If this can happen to him, it can happen to almost any teacher in the DC system. Checks and balances, my friends, are the hallmark of the American system of governance, and I see no reason why we should abandon them in public education."***

This morning Eduwonkette posted a second article about Dr. Siebens, featuring testimonials about the remarkable impact he has had on students. **Read it here:**

<http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/eduwonkette/>

*Eduwonkette encourages readers to leave a comment (at the end of the article, click on "COMMENT") and please share your comments with her and her readers.*

## 2. Other Clippings

Also attached are two other press clippings from last month. One is from Greg Boyd's letter to the editor of the *Northwest Current* called "Teacher's Dismissal Shows DC's Failures". Greg Boyd taught at Wilson from 1999 and 2003. The other clipping is an article from DC Councilmember Phil Mendelson's At-Large Update Newsletter, with his perspective on Dr. Siebens' removal on Page 2.

I hope the fall is treating all of you well. We will have more news on our efforts soon.

Onward!

Best,

Paul

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Maddie had Anatomy & Physiology with Dr. Siebens

Hanna had AP Biology with Dr. Siebens

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<http://gopetition.com/petitions/reinstate-dr-art-siebens.html>