

Dear Reinstate Dr. Siebens Listserv Subscriber,

I wanted to let you know that there is a workshop tomorrow evening (11/5) at 16th and Crittenden Streets, NW from 6:30 to 8:00 pm called ***What Real Education Reform Looks Like***. The three panelists are:

Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers
John Deasy, Superintendent of the Prince Georges County Public Schools
Jennifer Whitman, Lead Consulting Teacher in the Montgomery County Public Schools

This workshop is a part of the efforts of a group of parents and teachers to map out a more respectful and creative way for DCPS to support teaching and learning. I recommend that those of you interested in this subject attend to learn how other school systems go about the process of reform. The flyer is attached.

With the election today I am reminded that in two years Mayor Fenty will almost certainly be seeking re-election. We need to be mindful over the next two years how our best teachers are being treated by our Education Mayor. When a biology teacher like Dr. Siebens — ***a single teacher responsible for over 95% of the scores of 3-5 on the AP Biology exam in the entire DCPS*** — is treated by the Fenty Administration with removal of his position and relegation to teaching environmental sciences (a class he has never taught before), this speaks volumes about our Mayor's commitment to Education reform. It is shameful to unlawfully remove a top-performing public school teacher and force him to pursue his legal rights in arbitration. It is even more shameful that our children are deprived of Dr. Siebens' remarkable talents, and that our law and order Mayor, who is everyone on every issue, will not act on this one until an arbitrator forces his administration to do so.

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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