

All,

As I start to write this, I see that we now have 74 signatures on the petition since it went up this morning. More! More!! Please continue to spread the word.

1. Neighborhood Listserves.

We have posted news of and the links to the petition on the Chevy Chase and Tenleytown neighborhood listserves. We have also asked the PTSA to do the same with a very neutral news item (I understand that the PTSA Listserve posting process is that the Co-Chairs approve all non-routine postings).

In order to make certain we get the word out to all Wilsonian current and former students and their parents, please contact me if you are able to post to a listserv in your neighborhood, or if you know of any other listserves that would be relevant to Wilsonian eyeballs.

2. Media and Press Interest.

We are beginning to reserve press inquiries in response to the heightened visibility of the case. Yesterday, CNN called Dr. Siebens while I was with him, FoxNews was interested in the story and we just heard from a Channel 7 reporter. He has turned down numerous other opportunities to contact reporters who cover DCPS issues.

Dr. Siebens has requested that, for the time being, we refrain from making comments to the press. The response that we have been using is provided below and we ask that you respect his wishes. After all, this is all about his job and our students and anything that complicates the return to his classroom is not in his and our interest. Of course, if Dr. Siebens is not in his classroom for classes in the Fall and is required to litigate, then my understanding is that the press policy will change.

For now, Dr. Siebens has told us: "I am gratified beyond words with the support from so many of my current and prior students, parents and so many members of the community citywide and beyond. I am indebted to everyone who is helping to get me back into my classroom at Wilson where I belong. I look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of class."

Here is our response to media and press inquiries: "Thank you for your interest. I understand that the students and parents groups are currently respecting Dr. Sieben's request that they refrain from comments to the media pending resolution of his reinstatement at Wilson. In the event that it becomes clear that he will not be back in his classroom next month, we will promptly be in contact with you."

Please refer all media inquiries to me so that we can create a media contacts hot list

for future use if necessary.

Seven more signatures have come in as I have been writing this email: up to 81. The 100th, 500th, 1,000th and 10,000th (!) signers will receive a complimentary copy of Dr. Siebens' latest release "Dr. Art The Signing Scientist: BioRhythms 3", cover art attached. :D

Onward!

Best,

Paul