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MTEA President's Statement on Contract Negotiations in Milwaukee

Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association President Mike Langyel made the following statement in response to national interest in teacher contract negotiations in Milwaukee.

"We have historically worked closely with the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) administration to improve teaching and learning in the district. We will continue to work closely with the new administration led by Superintendent Gregory Thornton.

"As a union, we advocate for quality public schools. Positioning MPS to attract and retain the best and brightest teachers is one of the most important things we can do to ensure a high quality education for our students in Milwaukee. We must offer professional educators a competitive compensation package if we expect them to choose MPS as the place they will build their career.

"Unfortunately, casual observers of the negotiations process in Milwaukee have been led to believe the district could save \$47 million if teachers here agreed to a significant dismantling of their compensation package. These claims are simply false.

"We have been and remain willing to discuss these and other important teaching and learning issues at the bargaining table. The bargaining table is the best place to resolve these issues, and we are confident that, working with the administration, we will be able to reach a mutually agreeable resolution."

The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association is a labor union representing over 8,000 teachers and education professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools. The union's mission is to improve the lives of its members and the students and families they serve.

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