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MTEA Interim Executive Director Makes Statement on MPS Layoffs and Rally

MTEA Interim Executive Director Pat O'Mahar made the following statement regarding MPS layoffs and the rally scheduled for this afternoon:

“Our members understand and are deeply concerned about the impact layoffs will have on their students, and the quality of teaching and learning in MPS. They are expressing that concern this afternoon at their rally.

“As a union, we applaud their show of support for their colleagues who are being laid off.

“It’s unfortunate that the district believes the solution to their budget pressures is to lay off hundreds of educators – the very people who are best equipped to ensure our students have the educational opportunities they deserve.

“School funding is a national problem. Districts across the country are struggling financially. The problem **must** be addressed with a national solution – a federal stimulus package that will restore educator positions and allow MPS children to keep their teachers.

“Long-term, we must reform the way Wisconsin funds public schools. The current system is no longer working for kids, families, and school communities throughout the state.

“We call on those attending the rally, the school board and the administration to join us as we fight for federal legislation that will save educator jobs, and a school funding formula in Wisconsin that will give every child the opportunity to receive a great education, regardless of their zip code.”