

June 23, 2017

Dear DCTA Bargaining Team,

Pursuant to Article 6-11-1, we are writing you in order to declare impasse on our Master Agreement negotiations.

We do not take this decision lightly. We appreciate that we have made some headway in the dozens of hours that we have spent negotiating since January. However, with respect to the central issues under discussion, that progress has been very limited. As you know, our contract requires that we engage in mediation after we reach impasse and that mediation efforts should be concluded by August 31<sup>st</sup>. We are eager to get to agreement with DCTA. We hope that with the support of a mediator we will resolve the current impasse and make greater progress together.

We will reach out to FMCS to see who is available to mediate on our currently scheduled dates in July and August.

Thank you,

*The DPS Bargaining Team*