

WISSAHICKON EDUCATION ALLIANCE

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Members,

The negotiations team met on Wednesday, May 15, at PSEA headquarters in Montgomeryville. The purpose of the meeting was to address the school board's unswerving stance that in order for negotiations to continue, the WEA must revise its "fiscally and economically irresponsible" proposal. To that end, the team made some minor changes to what we still consider to be a viable replacement collective bargaining agreement that benefits all members. The revised proposal will be delivered electronically to the school board early this week. The team is awaiting confirmation of a May 28 or May 29 meeting with the district.

Furthermore, the school board has begun to threaten to release the terms of our proposal to the public. Their hope is to turn the parents of our community against us. In a recent email, Mr. Sultanik stated *"the community is going to start asking questions about the status of negotiations and the answers to those questions will definitely not place the Alliance in a positive light."* The board's continued corrosive and belligerent stance is unprecedented. Its ongoing hostility and refusal to enter into meaningful dialogue, sends a very clear message: you are of no value. In essence, the school board is trying to bully us into submission; attempting to stranglehold us into accepting an inferior deal. Their mistake.

There will be a general membership meeting on June 5 in the Auditorium. Times to be determined. PLAN ON ATTENDING.

In solidarity,

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