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Media Advisory

WASHINGTON, D.C. – AFT President Randi Weingarten and WTU President Jacqueline Pogue Lyons will be holding a press conference after touring McKinley Technology High School after touring the campus to review health and safety protocols put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in District Schools. They will be joined by parent and community leaders, who participated in building walk-through verification tours of the school facility.

WHO: AFT President Randi Weingarten, WTU President Jacqueline Pogue Lyons, McKinley Tech Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) Chair Sherice Muhammad

WHAT: Media Availability

WHEN: Friday, April 23 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: McKinley Tech High School
151 T Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Weingarten and Pogue Lyons said McKinley is an example of what a successful and safe reopening looks like, with school officials, the union, parents and community working together. The AFT and WTU are working to ensure health and safety protocols are in place at every DCPS school, as outlined in the WTU-DCPS [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) to provide safe environments for our students and staff, including full adherence to the [DCPS Facility Checklist](#).

In addition to on-going safety monitoring and improvements, the WTU, AFT and community leadership will discuss the ingredients needed for a successful full return to school for the 2021-2022 school year.

As part of the WTU's efforts to ensure the continued safety of our school buildings, the WTU and DCPS have established a "Situation Room" to address any concerns raised by educators or community members. DCPS will be providing a weekly update on any issues reported. We ask anyone who believes a school building is out of compliance with established safety protocols to complete our Reporting Form at: <http://bit.ly/WTUSafeOpenings>.

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