



## **District #61 Statement**

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During the negotiation session held on October 23rd, 2019, the Board of Education offered the Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants over the course of the next four years a 4.38% wage increase in FY20, 3.83% in FY21, 3.79% in FY22, and 3.79% in FY23.

Despite the union's assertions, DFTA continues to reject the offer of this wage increase including the health insurance plan already accepted by the other union groups including our teachers. At this point in time, we do not have another negotiation session scheduled.

Our students and our families do not deserve to be put through the hardships either in or outside of our classrooms caused by a strike. We hope DFTA members reconsider.