



## **District #61 Statement**

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The Board of Education and the Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants will continue mediation on October 23rd, 2019. Until that time, it is important to acknowledge that the Board of Education values each member of our staff and we strive to provide a competitive salary and benefits package for our employees while being fiscally responsible and accountable to the Decatur community that we serve.

Within the last two years we have successfully negotiated union contracts with the Decatur Education Association (teachers), two SEIU-B (maintenance staff) contracts, SEIU-C (security staff), and DESPA (secretarial staff). We are committed to working together like we have with our other employee groups to find a resolution that avoids any educational interruption for our students and their families.