



UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION

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June 4, 2021

VIA E-Mail

Re: Request for Premium Pay under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
• **Derby BOE Paraprofessionals**

Dear Matt,

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The \$1.9 trillion package, based on Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This Act provides \$350 billion to help states, counties, cities and tribal governments cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenues and mitigate economic harm caused by the pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan provides premium pay of up to \$13.00 per hour, up to \$25,000 per individual, for first responders and essential personnel who worked through the COVID-19 pandemic. UPSEU feels strongly that additional compensation, as provided through the American Rescue Plan, is warranted and well deserved by your dedicated employees that we are honored to represent.

Please be advised that the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) is requesting premium pay for the hours of work that our public sector members performed and continue to perform supporting the commitments the District made in its responsibility to students, families and to serving the extended community during this challenging academic year that is near conclusion.

Please contact me via email at cezzo@upseu.org or call via phone at 203.235.4485 at your earliest convenience to schedule a meeting to further discuss this request.

Sincerely,

Colleen Ezzo
Labor Relations Representative

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