

Two and one-half months after the Broward Teachers Union was placed in voluntary administratorship, the union is making significant strides in implementing financial controls, energizing members and restoring public confidence.

# BTU: Moving Forward

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**BTU** *Broward Teachers Union*  
A Union of Education, Technical Support, Charter School and Education Support Professionals



A Union of Professionals



## A Message from John Tarka

The Broward Teachers Union is moving forward. We have been working around the clock to get our financial house in order, restore confidence in our great union, and provide support for the outstanding work our members do every day for the children and young adults of Broward County.

We have visited every worksite in the district, more than 250 in all. We have launched an ambitious organizing and membership drive. We have implemented transparent financial and budgeting systems to ensure that we're using our resources wisely. We have restarted and reaffirmed our political action program.

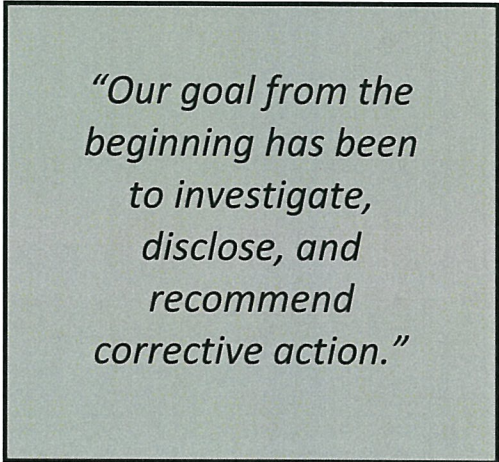
We have accomplished much in a very short time, but there is still much to do.

I would be remiss if I did not thank American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten and the AFT Executive Council for the confidence they have placed in me and for the resources they have provided. I also want to thank AFT Vice President Andy Ford for the generous support and assistance the Florida Education Association has provided BTU.

AFT, FEA and BTU have been transparent, thorough and fair. Our goal from the beginning has been to investigate, disclose and recommend corrective action.

Together, we will move forward and make a great affiliate even greater.

John Tarka, Administrator  
Broward Teachers Union



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