

Broward Teachers Union Sues Broward Schools to Prevent the Cancellation of Online Teaching Assignments for Medically High-Risk Educators

The Broward Teachers Union (BTU) filed suit today against Broward County Public Schools to prevent the School District from cancelling all online teaching assignments that had been granted for a limited number of employees with very serious medical conditions.

Medically compromised educators face extreme risks from COVID-19 because of life-threatening health issues such as cancer, kidney disease, sickle cell, autoimmune disease and other serious conditions.

The District agreed last year to allow these highest-risk employees to teach online. But now, just as the pandemic is surging, head of Human Resources Alan Strauss broke his promise to protect these teachers by cancelling their online teaching assignments.

“Broward Schools is putting these most vulnerable educators and their families in immediate danger of possible severe illness and death,” said Anna Fusco, BTU President. “These highest-risk educators should continue doing their full-time jobs online.”

BTU’s suit, filed in Broward County Circuit Court, seeks an injunction to prevent the District’s increase of the exposure of our most medically fragile educators until an arbitrator decides the dispute on an emergency expedited basis.

“This is simply outrageous and unconscionable,” Fusco said. “The District must immediately stop playing this deadly bureaucratic game with our medically compromised educators.”

Fusco noted that the vast majority of BTU members are already physically in the classroom. The limited number of seriously vulnerable employees are eager to return to campus as soon as it is safe for them to do so. They simply want to continue to work full-time with their students online as they have since the start of remote learning.

“We are fully committed to doing the jobs we love – educating our community’s children,” she said. “All we are asking for is that same level of commitment from the District.”

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