

DPS teachers Trial for Conn and Conaway 10 am Friday July 8

From Stephen Conn (sjconn@msn.com)

Emergency Manager Rhodes is continuing the lawsuit for an injunction against Detroit teachers Steve Conn and Nicole Conaway for leading sickouts this year.

The trial will be held at 10 am Friday July 8th before Michigan Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens, on the 14th floor on the Cadillac Place Building (the former GM World Headquarters) 3020 West Grand Blvd, across the street from the Fisher Building.

Despite his many statements that DPS has no money, Rhodes continues to pay nearly \$500 per hour in school funds to the law firm he has contracted with for this case.

Rhodes' lawyers grilled Conn and Conaway for hours in depositions several weeks ago, and at one point tried to get the judge to allow them to seize Conn's personal computer.

Coming at such a critical moment in the struggle around education in Detroit, this trial gives Detroit teachers the chance to begin to turn the tables on Snyder and Rhodes, despite the governor's recent legislative success.

Teachers need to be in the courtroom on Friday July 8 to show the judge as well as Snyder and Rhodes and all the Detroit-bashing politicians that we are determined to defend our public schools against Snyder's relentless attacks, and defend teachers who fight for Detroit students against witch-hunts and attacks on their fundamental rights to free speech.

Being in the courtroom on July 8 is also the best way for Detroit teachers to again make it clear to all Detroit that DFT/AFT sellouts Ivy Bailey, Terrance Martin and Randi Weingarten do not speak for us!

Outrage at Snyder's legislation is palpable everywhere in Detroit, and it is clear that Snyder's legislative success is a huge overreach that could well blow up in his face. By taking a stand now Detroit teachers can help lead the entire city in a fight that can defeat Snyder's DPS plan, and put Detroit back on the road to winning the kind of first class public schools our city's students and teachers deserve!

We will rally outside Cadillac Place Building beginning at 9am before the trial, and will meet immediately afterwards to plan our next step in the fight. Join us! Call 313.645.9340 for more information