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| **Client** | AFT- Detroit | Talent | Derrick Nelson |
| **Title** | Stand Up | **ISCI** | AFMR1760 |
| **Draft** | Final | **Music** | Asche & Spencer Orchestral 241 |
| **Date** | 8.11.15 | **Prod./Ed.** | Becky / Scott |

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**Narrator:**

Our kids … our community … we’ve counted on them.

**Belita Mitchell, Accounts Payable DPS:**

We’ve been through budget cuts

**Lenore Ellery, Teacher DPS:**

And the failed reforms.

**Michelle Keeble, Teacher Assistant DPS:**

… and it is devastating to our schools.

**Narrator:**

*They’re Detroit’s teachers and support staff.* And through it all ... they still show up for our kids.

**Keli Coleman, Parent:**

We are organizing because teachers are the glue that hold the communities together

**Narrator:**

They’ve gone years without a pay raise—even taken a cut—while offering savings and solutions along the way.

But now, after all they’ve done to keep our schools running … all the sacrifices … the commitments … and the low pay....

The Emergency Manager is looking to cut health care benefits—costing some as much as eleven thousand a year.

**Michelle Keeble, Teacher Assistant DPS:**

If it comes to a point where I can’t afford to stay in my job, where does that leave my students?

**Lenore Ellery, Teacher DPS:**

I’m not going to be able to support my family.

**Narrator:**

We don’t have to lose these professionals.

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There are alternatives … go to [**AStrongerDetroitForOurKids.com**](http://www.AStrongerDetroitForOurKids.com) and tell Emergency Manager Darnell Earley that our community, our students and our educators can’t afford these cuts. They simply can’t.

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**Keli Coleman, Parent:**

We all need to stand up more for our teachers and let them know that we support them.