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Forestville, Md. - July 30, 2018: The leadership of ATU Local 689 met today with designees of WMATA General Manager Paul Wiedefeld. Effective today, the parties have agreed to a resolution on the contentious issue of Metro custodian work selection.

WMATA will hold a new work selection pick for all 271 custodians represented by ATU Local 689. The new work pick selection will occur the week of August 6, 2018, and will not exclude rail yards and bus garages, as is required in the ATU Local 689/WMATA collective bargaining agreement. Local 689 now believes that WMATA has recognized its contractual violations.

Today's meeting was the fourth time the parties have met since the union's membership authorized a Metro strike in response to the general manager's failure to bargain in good faith. Mr. Wiedefeld, again, chose not to attend the negotiations. ATU Local 689 and Mr. Wiedefeld's designees will meet again tomorrow and look forward to continuing to negotiate and resolve the other issues that Local 689 has demanded to bargain with the Authority.

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