



Important updates . . .

Dear Fellow Members:

As I reflect on this school year, we have been through a lot. With this spring break here, please take time to rejuvenate your teacher spirits. I look forward to smelling the salt air, feeling the sand between my toes, and hearing the soothing waves of salt water, even if only for a moment.

In-Person MOA

Thank you to members for ratifying the In-Person MOA. Over 98.5% of voting members approved the MOA. Thank you to the Negotiations Team: Asia Emerick, Jochen Welsch, Jenna Tibbetts, Mary-Beth Petit, and Elizabeth Budness.

Professional Judgment

Please be smart on Wednesday afternoons. This prep time is at the teacher's discretion and can choose to work from school or from home. Your FaceBook and public appearances on Wednesday afternoons reflect on all of us. Also, Wednesday afternoons remain teacher directed, so any trainings and/or meetings are optional for WREA members.

PPE Form

We have been informed by the district that the uniform PPE form has been provided to principals. Please ask your building principal for the form to request PPE.

Professional Development Day

Professional Development Day on May 10, 2021 will be virtual - with a few exceptions - and teachers will have a choice to work remotely from home or from school. Please be aware that Central Office will be sending out via email a preview of the May 10th offerings early next week. Sign ups of the workshops will begin Monday, April 26th at 4 p.m. Self-directed professional development will require the completion of a pre approval form and then documentation of work completed.

Weingarten Rights

As we move away from pandemic management, many other union concerns have arisen. Please be advised of your Weingarten Rights, which guarantees an employee the right to union representation whenever an employer's investigatory interview could lead to discipline.

Link: <https://massteacher.org/employment-and-licensure/weingarten-the-right-to-representation>

Calendar 2021-2022

School committee approved next year's calendar.

Link: <http://www.wrsdonline.net/calendars/WRSDSchoolCalendar-2021-22.pdf>

Enjoy your break.

In unity,

Mary Shepherd

President WREA