



Meeting Reminder & Announcements

Dear Fellow Members:

Some quick announcements for you.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

REMINDER: Special All Membership Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5 pm, virtually via Zoom.

Agenda

1. Negotiation Update

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86464619400>

Meeting ID: 864 6461 9400

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SURVEY

WREA members will be asked to complete a quick survey after the All Member Meeting approximately 5:30 pm. The Google form will be emailed at the close of the meeting and will be open for 24 hours. The link will also be placed in the chat at the end of the meeting.

IMPORTANT: Payroll 403(b) Deductions

If you have a 403(b) investment account listen up! Two members have come forward to me with a concern. Their 403(b) deduction has been noted on their paycheck stub, BUT has not been deposited into their accounts. This occurred for two pay periods, November 12, 2021 and November 26, 2021. The last pay period, December 10, 2021, the deposits did go in. I would like to know if anyone else is affected, I will be contacting a MTA lawyer Monday morning.

SPRING PD

Do you have a favorite professional development presenter or a topic you would like to see offered? Would you consider sharing your expertise on PD day? The May 9, 2021 Professional Development Day Google form with three categories - topic, presenter, facilitator - must be submitted by December 31, 2021. Use your school email and see email from Jane Daly dated December 1st for the form.

FAIRSHARE AMENDMENT

MTA, together with other unions throughout the state, are starting the campaign for a ballot vote next November 2022. The vote is to amend the Massachusetts Constitution to create a progressive tax for those individuals making an annual income of over \$1M. Here is a link to more information about the [Fairshare Amendment](#).

MTA has started working on this campaign and here is how you can help. First, go to <https://massteacher.org/current-initiatives/fairshare-ma> to sign a pledge card. I have. The additional money will be used for education, pre-K through university, roads, and public transportation. Just like we did phone banking and door knocking for the Vote No on Question 2 campaign, we will be doing the same again. If you are ready to start volunteering - here is the link for the Weekly Dialer Nights: <https://www.mobilize.us/massteacher/event/422466/>. We will get more active on this issue in the near future.

Please continue to reach out with any concerns.

In unity,

Mary Shepherd

President WREA