

## April Red for ED Winners!

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Wear **Red** for Ed  
this month

**April 1:**  
for timely paychecks

**April 8:**  
for solidarity & unity

**April 15:**  
because it's payday 😊

**April 29th:**  
because we are  
superheroes!

**FRIDAYS: RED FOR ED UNTIL  
WE HAVE A NEW CONTRACT**

Take a photo of WREA members in red, post on Facebook or email to WREA to enter the raffle! Details in President's Message.  
Remember (shades of) red can be shirts, pants, socks, coffee mugs, nails. Be creative and make it fun!

## Contract Action Time

Dear Fellow Members:

I have a feeling we are all counting the days until April break. This year more than ever we need a vacation, so please leave your work (and worries) in your classroom, close the door, and don't look back! We all know that it will be there when we get back.

### Negotiations Update

The next negotiation meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

### Contract Action Team (CAT)

CAT met on Thursday, April 7, 2022 and are asking for member support with the following actions:

**"Show me your Receipts" - See below for details on how to participate.**



**WREA needs your help!!!**

Show us your receipts for school materials you purchased with your own funds from this year, 2021-2022.

Take a photo of your receipt, underline/circle materials that were for your students and send them to [negotiationswrea@gmail.com](mailto:negotiationswrea@gmail.com)

Don't have your receipts, but you paid for materials for a special project? Take a photo of the project and send it to [negotiationswrea@gmail.com](mailto:negotiationswrea@gmail.com)

Include your name, school, & discipline

Must be sent in by Tuesday afternoon, April 12th!

**Standout before the April 13th negotiations meeting - Stand out to cheer our Negotiation Team on as they enter the bargaining room from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are asking for 30 minutes of your time - it is a half hour that could truly make a difference.**

### **Wearing Red for ED**

Here are the winners from last Friday's Red for Ed: Dan Whitmore from Wachusett Regional High School, and Racheal Bellemer from Wachusett Regional High School,  
<https://watch.screencastify.com/v/Xt5uTLmbAMT63GRTGMPW>

Here are the winners from our Why Do You Wear Red: Denise Adams from Early Childhood Center, and Audrey Fusco-Benoit from Wachusett Regional High School, <https://watch.screencastify.com/v/Fu6Qntaz5U9fFz7GcxwQ>

Please join us in continuing our momentum by displaying our solidarity throughout our negotiations with the district by wearing Red for ED on Fridays. Join me in *wearing RED for EDucation until we get a CONTRACT*. Wear any red shirt, including but not limited to, your WREA "pink" shirt.

Share your photos with me at [presidentwrea@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwrea@gmail.com) or on Facebook. Names of members who submit a photo will be put into a drawing for a Dunkin Donuts or Sweets and Java gift card.

**Save the Date - Morning standout on Friday, April 29th at all buildings in the district! More information will follow after next week's CAT meeting.**

**MTA Annual Meeting - updated info**

**WE STILL HAVE TWO SPACES AVAILABLE - The MTA Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 and Saturday, May 21, 2022. We have twelve seats for delegates. Ten members have volunteered, thank you Asia Emerick, Alicia Jasiekiewicz, Tracy Kasparian, Aileen Thurber, Kim McCormack, Jen Lee, Michele Van Reet, Stacey Duffy, Jochen Welsch, and Joe Jourdain. There will be three options for attendance: in person with masking and vaccination required, additional in person spaces will be available with at least three feet between seats, and a virtual option is also being offered. The deadline to decide is and to reserve a room is April 25th, book early rooms will sell out. Please let me know if you are interested, by April 22, 2022, and how you would like to attend.**

**Fairshare Amendment - updates**

**Imagine a summer job where you get to join other MTA members to help increase funding for education! Well, that job is here – become an MTA Summer Member Organizer for 4 or 6 weeks this year. 25 hours a week, \$25 per hour (30 hours, \$31/hr for Regional Leads) to connect with union members, community allies, and make sure we win the Fair Share Amendment (Millionaire's tax) this fall! Interested, [apply here](#). You can also contact our Field Representative Organizer, Shanna Weston, at 617-816-6276 to chat with her about the program.**

**In Unity,**

**Mary Shepherd**

**President WREA**