

Dedham Public Schools

DEA Strike Response - October 24, 2019

9:30PM

Dedham Schools Respond To Teachers Strike

I want to first say, this is a sad time for our community.

Tonight we have received a ruling from the Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations. They have ruled that this strike is illegal and our educators should return to work.

We take the concerns of our educators very seriously and we have been working hard over the last 21 months to reach agreement on a fair contract.

We are eager to return to the negotiating table to hear the union's counter proposal to our most recent offer, and work through the differences that have led to this strike. We have already agreed on an arbitration date of November 19, but we want to make real progress before that time.

Our first priority is to get our students back in school. We are proud of our school district and the hard-working men and women who work together to educate our children.

- Superintendent Michael Welch

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