

Dedham Public Schools

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DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS WORK TOWARDS AGREEMENT Both Sides to Return to Bargaining Table on Sunday

DEDHAM, MA – The Dedham School Committee and the Dedham Education Association made substantial progress towards a tentative agreement on a new four-year collective bargaining agreement with the aim of ending a one-day strike and reopening Dedham schools on Monday.

The two sides hammered out tentative agreements on numerous issues during an 11-hour bargaining session that began at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The DEA ended negotiations just before 2:00 a.m. The two sides will return to the bargaining table on Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

“We kept our focus on doing what had to be done to get our students back into their classrooms,” said Kevin Coughlin, Chair of the Dedham School Committee and a member of the District’s negotiating team. “We are hopeful we can bridge any differences tomorrow on the issues still on the table and get back to the business of education on Monday.”