

Dedham Public Schools

DISTRICT ALERT - PLEASE READ

Update on Strike as of 2:10am, OCTOBER 27, 2019

The Dedham School Committee and the Dedham Education Association have 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. this morning, October 27th. We will return to the bargaining table this afternoon at 12:00 p.m.

Our focus continues to be on doing what is needed to get our students and teachers back into the classrooms. We are hopeful that we will be able to bridge any remaining differences this afternoon and get everyone back to school tomorrow.

We will continue to keep you updated as soon as we are able. We appreciate your patience, as we recognize this presents a frustrating challenge for all. **As always, any official changes to the school day schedule will be announced by me via Blackboard Connect phone messages and emails direct to students' homes. Depending upon the progress and timing of negotiations, this may happen late this evening or early tomorrow morning. I will announce any official updates as soon as accurate information becomes available.**

All my best,

Mike Welch
Superintendent