



## **DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS REACH TENTATIVE AGREEMENT Dedham Students Will Return to Schools on Monday**

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**DEDHAM, MA** – The Dedham School Committee and the Dedham Education Association have reached a tentative agreement on a new 4-year collective bargaining agreement ending a one-day strike and ensuring Dedham schools will be open on Monday.

“We kept our focus on doing what had to be done to get our students back into their classrooms,” said Michael Welch, Superintendent of Dedham Public Schools. “We believe this agreement will fairly compensate our excellent educators while keeping our district on a positive path, with innovative policies that ensure a safe and supportive working environment, as well as budgets that are sustainable over time.”

The agreement, coming at the end of a 15 hour bargaining session that spanned Saturday night and Sunday, is subject to ratification by the DEA and an approval vote by the Dedham School Committee. Details of the agreement will be made public after ratification and approval votes.

“We are pleased both sides found ways to address the issues that led to the strike. We believe the terms of this agreement are beneficial for both employees and the administration, and will only make us stronger as a District,” said Kevin Coughlin, Chair of the Dedham School Committee and a member of the District’s negotiating team.

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