

6:15 p.m. - Friday, Jan. 19, 2024

Mayor's Newton Update

What's Happening Right Now?

Today the Newton School Committee negotiating team was at the Newton Ed Center, as were the Newton Teachers Association and a mediator. They began at mid-day and are still there at this hour.

At the same time, attorneys for the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board (CERB) filed for a preliminary injunction in Middlesex Superior Court to stop the strike. Late this afternoon a Superior Court Judge granted that injunction against the NTA. The Judge ordered that the union “immediately cease and desist from engaging or threatening to engage in this strike or work stoppage, slowdown or other withholding of services, and the employees shall immediately return to their assigned work locations on [Monday] January 22, 2024.”



The Judge also ordered the NTA to publicly state by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21 that “the strike is cancelled and there will be no continued strike action” and that engaging in a strike “is illegal and must therefore cease, and its members must return to work immediately.”

If the negotiations over the weekend do not lead to a settled contract or the NTA chooses to ignore the Judge’s order and continues its strike on Monday, the Superior Court has set a hearing for Monday, January 22 at noon.

I know what a difficult day this has been for our students, our parents/caregivers, and our teachers. I empathize with everyone and I am fully committed to settling a competitive and sustainable contract.

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller