

Newton Educators Continue Bargaining, Rallying at State House

Striking Newton educators of the Newton Teachers Association (NTA) will continue to bargain with the Newton School Committee today in hopes of reaching an agreement to end a strike that began one week ago.

On Wednesday, 97% of the NTA membership was present on picket lines around the city. Hundreds of NTA members and their supporters – parents, community members, students, and alumni – later attended a rally at the Education Center, where Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley strongly expressed her support for the NTA in its fight for a fair contract. Newton educators are deeply appreciative of the community support for this campaign to fully fund Newton Public Schools.

Today:

- Bargaining between the NTA and School Committee resumes at the Education Center.
- NTA educators are canvassing Newton neighborhoods with information on our [proposals](#).
- At 11 a.m., members of the NTA and their supporters will hold a rally at the State House in Boston and visit Gov. Maura Healey, Newton's local delegation. And other elected officials.
- At 1 p.m. the NTA will hold a rally outside of Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton Centre
- At 7:30 p.m., the NTA will provide a bargaining update in front of the Newton Education Center, 100 Walnut St., Newton., following the end of a scheduled negotiations session with the School Committee.

[NTA's priorities](#) remain, as they have since bargaining began in October 2022: addressing student mental health and living wages for all employees, especially the Educational Support Professionals – aides and behavior therapists – who work with our most vulnerable students; having social workers in every elementary and middle school to support student mental health; modern and humane paid family leave; and reasonable cost-of-living adjustments.

The NTA issued the following statement:

“Yesterday we were inspired by the powerful message of love and solidarity we received from Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. Today, we are seeking out support from those we have elected to represent us on Beacon Hill. Part of our fight is rooted in chronic underfunding in public education occurring at both the local and state levels. We need to deliver the message wherever we can that our students and educators deserve more resources and support.”

“While it is disappointing that the School Committee did not meaningfully respond to NTA proposals until yesterday (Wednesday, Jan. 24), some actual negotiation at the table did take place and some progress was made around paid family leave. We hope to build on that with the School Committee today.”

“The NTA remains willing to bargain day and night so schools can reopen as soon as possible and educators can be with their students in the classroom. This will only happen with the settlement of a fair contract, so the Newton community still needs Mayor Fuller to fully fund the schools and allow the Newton School Committee to reach an agreement with the NTA.”