

## **A Declaration of No Confidence in Commissioner Riley and DESE**

Members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association have come together across the state to declare that we have no confidence in the judgment or professional leadership capabilities of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and its Commissioner Jeff Riley. It is their responsibility to create an environment that ensures the health and safety of all students and educators. It is also their job to create structures that promote educators' ability to provide the best quality of learning for students.

After surveying our members, we, the elected leaders of our local associations, have overwhelmingly found that Commissioner Riley and DESE have consistently failed to provide high quality administrative leadership, planning, or safe working and learning conditions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The overwhelming majority of staff surveyed in our schools across Massachusetts believe that:

- The Commissioner lacks the necessary managerial and leadership skills to manage safely and effectively DESE during the COVID crisis.
- DESE and the Commissioner have failed to sufficiently consider input from individual districts.
- The Commissioner and DESE continue to ignore the ever-growing body of scientific evidence showing the direct correlation between in-person learning and increased transmission rates of COVID-19.
- Commissioner Riley and DESE do not demonstrate the depth of understanding nor the impartial judgment needed to support students, faculty, and families.

Since our working conditions are the students' learning conditions, we as educators have a responsibility to ensure that our schools are safe. Until Commissioner Riley and DESE decide to listen more carefully and inclusively to health experts and educators from across the state, we will continue to fight for the schools our communities deserve.

<b>Local Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
Acton Boxborough Education Association	December 12, 2020
Agawam Education Association	November 22, 2020
Amherst-Pelham Education Association	November 24, 2020
Andover Education Association	November 25, 2020
Arlington Education Association	November 19, 2020
Ashland Educators Association	December 1, 2020

Ayer Shirley Regional Education Association	November 24, 2020
Bay Path Teachers Association	December 1, 2020
Belchertown Education Association	November 23, 2020
Belmont Education Association	December 2, 2020
Berkshire Hills Education Association	December 3, 2020
Blue Hills Educational Association	November 30, 2020
Bourne Educators Association	November 21, 2020
Boxford Teachers Association	November 24, 2020
Bristol-Plymouth Teachers Association	November 20, 2020
Brookline Educators Union	December 3, 2020
Burlington Educators' Association	November 23, 2020
Cambridge Education Association	November 23, 2020
Central Berkshire Education Association	November 24, 2020
Chicopee Education Association	December 2, 2020
Clinton Teachers Association	December 7, 2020
Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association	December 8, 2020
Dedham Education Association	November 20, 2020
Easthampton Education Association	Nov. 18, 2020
Ed. Association of Freetown & Lakeville	November 24, 2020
Education Association of Natick	December 8, 2020
Educational Association of Worcester	November 18, 2020

Everett Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Fall River Educators' Association	November 24, 2020
Framingham Teachers Association	November 12, 2020
Gateway Education Association	December 3, 2020
Gill-Montague Education Association	November 20, 2020
Gloucester Teachers Association	November 24, 2020
Greater Lawrence Education Justice Alliance	December 3, 2020
Greater New Bedford Educators Union	December 7, 2020
Greenfield Education Association	November 27, 2020
Hadley Education Association	December 2, 2020
Hamilton-Wenham Education Association	November 20, 2020
Hampden Wilbraham Education Association	November 23, 2020
Hampshire Regional Education Association	November 25, 2020
Hatfield Teaching Association	November 24, 2020
Haverhill Education Association	November 16, 2020
Hingham Education Association	December 4, 2020
Ipswich Educators Association	December 10, 2020
Leicester Paraprofessional Association	December 4, 2020
Leominster Education Association	November 24, 2020
Lexington Education Association	November 19, 2020
Littleton Education Association	November 23, 2020

Ludlow Education Association	November 30, 2020
Lunenburg Education Association	November 19, 2020
Lynnfield Teachers Association	November 25, 2020
Malden Education Association	November 16, 2020
Marblehead Education Association	November 24, 2020
Marlborough Educators Association	December 9, 2020
Masconomet Teachers Association	November 24, 2020
Mashpee Teachers' Association	December 8, 2020
McCann Faculty Association	December 3, 2020
Medford Teachers Association	November 21, 2020
Melrose Education Association	November 16, 2020
Methuen Education Association	November 18, 2020
Middleton Educators Association	November 25, 2020
Monson Teachers Association	December 14, 2020
Nashoba Regional Education Association	December 5, 2020
New Bedford Education Association	December 2, 2020
New Bedford Coalition to Save Our Schools (NBCSOS)	December 11, 2020
Newton Teachers Association	December 10, 2020
North Adams Teachers Association	November 25, 2020
North Andover Teachers Association	December 10, 2020
North Reading Educators Association	December 1, 2020
Northampton Association of School Employees	November 24, 2020

Northbridge Teachers Association	December 10, 2020
Northeast Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Pembroke Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Pioneer Valley Association of Support Professionals	December 14, 2020
Pioneer Valley Regional Education Association	December 14, 2020
Randolph Education Association	December 1, 2020
Reading Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Revere Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Sandwich Education Association	November 24, 2020
Seekonk Educators Association	November 24, 2020
Sharon Teachers Association	November 19, 2020
Silver Lake Education Association	November 20, 2020
Somerset Teachers' Association	December 2, 2020
Somerville Educators Union	November 23, 2020
South Hadley Education Association	November 21, 2020
Southampton Teachers' Association	November 19, 2020
Southbridge Education Association	December 11, 2020
Southern Berkshire Regional Education Association	November 23, 2020
Southwick Education Association	November 23, 2020
Springfield Education Association	December 11, 2020

Stoneham Teachers Association	December 7, 2020
Swampscott Education Association	November 18, 2020
Tewksbury Teachers Association	November 25, 2020
United Educators of Pittsfield	December 5, 2020
Wakefield Education Association	November 19, 2020
Wareham Education Association	November 18, 2020
Watertown Education Association	November 20, 2020
Wayland Teachers Association	December 3, 2020
Wellesley Educators Association	December 4, 2020
West Springfield Education Association	December 11, 2020
Westford Education Association	November 12, 2020
Weymouth Educators' Association	November 19, 2020
Williamsburg Teachers Association	December 7, 2020
Wilmington Teachers Association	November 18, 2020
Winchester Education Association	November 20, 2020
Winthrop Teachers Association	November 18, 2020
Worcester Diocesan Educators' Lay Teachers Association (DELTA)	December 10, 2020