

Demand Safe and Meaningful Learning


We must take unified action now!

The members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association remain committed to creating safe in-person learning environments in all of our public schools. Doing so as cases of COVID-19 surge — amid the presence of the highly transmissible omicron variant — requires a comprehensive strategy.


As of today, the state is not providing adequate plans or resources to educators, school districts or communities. We must act **now** — and act together — to ensure that we can give our students a high-quality education while protecting our communities.

Your local educators urge you to contact Governor Charlie Baker’s office and state Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley and demand the following:


Weekly testing in districts statewide for educators and students — vaccinated and unvaccinated.



Immediate steps to address the critical staffing problems in many districts — including the critical shortage of nurses and the overwhelming demands on them — and initiatives to address the need for personnel to do testing and contact tracing.



Providing local districts with the flexibility to determine when brief periods of remote learning are appropriate for that district, based on COVID-19 absenteeism and staff shortages. *And counting those days as time on learning.*



Please share your views and your stories about the impact of rising infection rates and the realities of what is needed to safely keep schools open by contacting:

State Education Commissioner
Jeff Riley

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Governor Charlie Baker

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