

PRESS STATEMENTS

Gary Christenson

Mayor of Malden

“We are deeply surprised and disheartened that the leadership of the Malden Education Association is willing to inconvenience families and disrupt the education of more than 6,000 students in order to advance its collective bargaining positions, especially as we are not currently at an impasse. Contrary to reports that the School Committee has not responded to proposals, the Negotiations Subcommittee has been and will continue to negotiate in good faith until we reach agreement on a contract that is fair to our employees, is in line with the economic realities facing the City, and meets the needs of our students and families.”

Ligia Noriega-Murphy

Superintendent of Malden Public Schools

“This maneuver by leaders of the Malden Education Association may be intended to send a message to school district leaders, but ultimately, it is our students and families who suffer the consequences of these tactics. In order to alleviate parents' anxiety, we have sent a letter to families explaining that we will notify them over the weekend if it appears likely that the MEA will move forward with a strike. At this point, schools are scheduled to open as usual on Monday, but in the event of a last-minute strike, we would be left with no choice but to cancel school for students and ask parents to make other arrangements for their children.”