

**A CALL
to action
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RESPONDING TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS: It Takes a Whole Union to Defend Public Education and Our Collective Bargaining Rights

MTA REGIONAL ORGANIZING MEETINGS

Hold the Dates:

Southeast Region – 2/17

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. LUNCH PROVIDED
Raynham Service Center
90 New State Highway (Route 44), Raynham

RSVP: csingleton@massteacher.org
dfenelon@massteacher.org
800.336.1118

Metro – 2/17

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. LUNCH PROVIDED
Holiday Inn
55 Ariadne Rd, Dedham

RSVP: lferrari@massteacher.org
wpeterson@massteacher.org
800.479.1410

Western – 2/19

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. LUNCH PROVIDED
Holiday Inn
245 Whittings Farm Road, Holyoke

RSVP: cshaird@massteacher.org
akelley@massteacher.org
800.432.1117

Central – 2/25

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. DINNER PROVIDED
Manor Restaurant
39 Franklin Street, West Boylston

RSVP: ddanielson@massteacher.org
chimottu@massteacher.org
800.542.5504

Northeast – 2/26

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. DINNER PROVIDED
Lynnfield Service Center
50 Salem Street
Building B, Suite #9, Lynnfield

RSVP: sdaly@massteacher.org
khorner@massteacher.org
800.421.3332

WHAT'S AT STAKE:

- Massachusetts is facing a \$1.4 billion budget deficit for the current fiscal year.
- Next year's deficit is expected to reach \$4 billion.
- Our collective bargaining rights are being challenged at the State House.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO ACT.

We need to be educated, organized and mobilized. Every one of our state legislators needs to see and hear from MTA active and retired members – starting now. We must urge our state representatives and senators to:

- Raise revenues to close the exploding budget gap and prevent disastrous cuts.
- Defeat legislative efforts to undermine collective bargaining to achieve "savings."
- Recession-proof our public schools by investing in public education.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We are looking for MTA member-activists who are inspired and motivated to serve as local union coordinators. Ideally, we'd like members who have organizing experience. We need active and retired members who have worked on local organizing initiatives, contract campaigns, Question 1 or Proposition 2½ overrides.

WHAT WILL THE MEETINGS COVER?

The meetings will focus on the key elements for building effective local grassroots organizing:

- Understanding the scale of the economic crisis and its potential impact on public education.
- Building support for legislative initiatives aimed at raising revenues and defeating attacks on our collective bargaining rights.
- Refining the tools to educate and mobilize our members and community allies to put pressure on our legislators.
- Lobbying and establishing long-term relationships with legislators.

