

Dear QPS Families,

On March 2nd 2023 there was an article in the Patriot Ledger talking about the current situation with the Quincy teachers' contract. We wanted to let all of you know that the Citywide PTO stands behind the teachers. **We trust our teachers with our kids everyday.** We also trust them when they tell us that the contract they are being offered is not reasonable. The majority of the teachers in Quincy are spending afternoons and mornings before school standing out with signs, wearing red every Monday, and working without a contract for months. They are telling us they are unhappy with what the city is offering them. The teachers aren't doing this to be difficult; they are doing this because they are voicing what they need to be better, more effective teachers. We believe them. We support them. And we hope that the city and school administration also does the same.

Sometimes in negotiations like this the negotiators forget that there are real human beings affected by all of it. They forget that there are teachers whose lives will be touched and changed by their decisions. As parents, we know better than anyone how hard our teachers work on behalf of our children. Please join us in supporting them.

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**Attend a standout** to show your support! Just show up and cheer—it's that easy! And if you can't make it, but happen to drive by, toot your horn in support!

Thursdays, **March 9,16,23** at 3:15 at Hancock-Adams Common

Sunday, **March 12** from 11-1 at the corner of W. Squantum and Hancock (near NQHS)

Saturday, **March 18** from 11-1 at the corner of Quincy Ave and Falls Blvd. (near H Mart/Walmart)

**Write a letter** to The Quincy Sun or the Patriot Ledger. Write a letter saying how much you support Quincy teachers. Unsure what to write? Feel free to use any of the language in the letter above! To write to The Quincy Sun email [thequincysun@verizon.net](mailto:thequincysun@verizon.net) and to write to the Patriot Ledger email [editpage@patriotledger.com](mailto:editpage@patriotledger.com)

**Send a note** with your child to their **teacher thanking them** for all they do and telling them you support them.

Have your student **wear red on Mondays.**

Sincerely

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