



Calling All MTA Members -- preK – Higher Ed for a Special Membership Meeting

This year has been a year like no other. And the coming school year will be a school year like no other. Educators, families, and students across the state are increasingly anxious about returning to school and colleges in just a few weeks. The MTA, local leaders and the rank and file have filled the vacuum left by a lack of leadership from the state campus leaders, and local districts. We've been acting collectively to endorse a thoughtful plan for resuming learning in the fall. But there is much more to do. As a union of educators, we must continue to stand together – for ourselves, our students, our families, our communities – and face the difficult choice before us.

We all want nothing more than to be back in the classrooms, face to face with our students – that is how education is supposed to take place. But we know that many buildings are not safe and that community public health benchmarks are not yet established or clear. That is why the MTA Board of Directors has taken the position that we will resume learning in the safest way possible and return to buildings only when it is safe.

We are at a critical turning point and that is why we are taking an exciting and extraordinary step of calling a statewide membership meeting. At the meeting we will review the details of changes in DESE guidelines from 180 to 170 days that was won through all of your collective action and the statewide campaign for higher ed that has just been launched -- and will hear from health and safety experts, MTA local leaders from across the state, take a poll of the membership on the critical position of how to resume learning in the fall, and plan collective actions to win the schools and colleges our communities deserve during the pandemic.

MTA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 4:00 – 5:30 pm.

>>> REGISTER NOW for the July 29 Membership Meeting through this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y3ItEabNRB-bPWvtSI0FCQ

Note that this meeting is for MTA members only. You may feel free to share the above registration link with your fellow MTA members, but not beyond that audience. Only MTA members will be given meeting access

DEADLINE: MUST REGISTER BY 12 Noon, Wed, July 29

The deadline for you to **register using the above link is 12 noon, Wednesday, July 29** to give staff ample time to verify membership of participants and provide the necessary meeting access. After that time, there is no guarantee the verification and access processes can be completed in time for the meeting's 4:00 start, due to the other meeting preparation needs.

Approved registrants will receive a confirmation email with unique meeting access. It will be sent to the email provided when you registered and will be from: "**MTA Governance** <no-reply@zoom.us>." That confirmation will not be immediate. We will begin the approval and confirmation process on Monday and continue through Wednesday, but it will take some time. Please be on the lookout for that email and check your spam folder for it.

Your confirmation will contain the information on how to join the July 29 meeting. Do not forward your meeting link to anyone else. Each attendee must register and then receive their unique meeting link. In addition, for security reasons, because these meetings are designed for MTA members only, phone dial-in will NOT be enabled for this meeting. You must join the meeting via the Zoom link provided in your confirmation email. You may join from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. From a PC or Mac, when clicking on your "Join" link, you will be prompted to download and install the Zoom app when joining your FIRST Zoom meeting on that device. For smartphones and tablets, please go to the App Store or Google Play to find and install the free "Zoom Cloud Meetings" App for your device prior to joining your first Zoom meeting on that device.

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