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Dear MCCC Chapter Presidents, Directors and SAC

COVID-19 has not only brought concerns about ongoing adaptation to all things remote and for colleagues working on campus, fears about health and safety, it is also creating anxiety about the longer-term consequences for our members, students, and institutions.

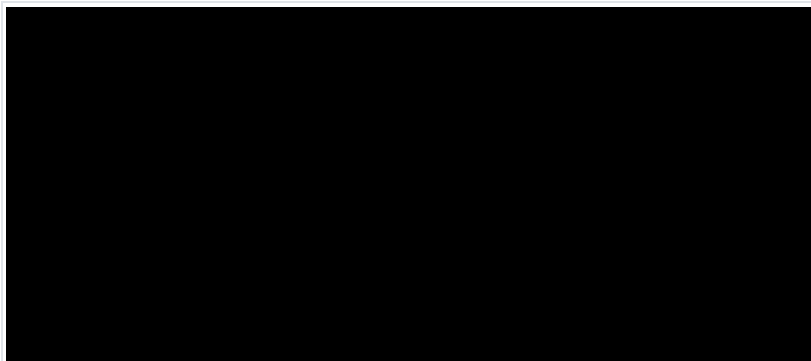
Right now the future is uncertain. Our colleges do not yet know what the final state appropriation will be for the next year (incremental three month budgets are not enough nor reassuring) and enrollment numbers are still in flux. But rather than reach into reserves or put increased pressure on the state, several of our colleges have already decided that the answer to these economic uncertainties is to cut faculty, staff, and programs.

But gutting our colleges is NOT the answer. Getting rid of programs and cutting faculty and staff pay or positions undermines the very mission of teaching and learning and will have long-term adverse consequences for our state's ability to provide equitable education opportunities to all students.

We need to stand-up NOW and tell our employers that this is NOT the way! The attack on public higher education will not be contained on one campus alone. Now more than ever, we need to stand together to fight for public education throughout the Commonwealth.

Please visit the [Massachusetts Agrees website](#) to learn more about this campaign and please join our MCCC siblings, along with other MTA Higher Ed Unions, in this fight.

- **Sign the petition** to Carlos Santiago & the Board of Higher Education demanding that they stop the layoffs and furloughs at some sister HE institutions, ensure safe re-openings, and fight for funding! [A Petition from the Unionized Education Workers Who Make Our Campuses Work](#)



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Action Network

Laying Out Our Demands We, the staff and faculty – the unionized education workers who make our campuses work...

- And come to a legislative hearing on **Monday, August 3rd at 5:00pm** where we face state elected officials as well as the Commissioner of Higher Education to demand that they do their jobs and protect our public colleges and universities! RSVP at www.massteacher.org/COVIDonCampus

Now, more than ever, we need to protect our public colleges and universities so that our students' futures will be protected!

In solidarity,

Rosemarie and Margaret