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**Subject:** Save the Date - Rally for Public Higher Education - August 19th @ 3pm at Bristol Community College

Dear Colleagues,

We hope you can join the Bristol MCCC chapter and MTA higher ed members from across the state **Wednesday 8/19** for a coordinated rally in support of our public colleges and universities.

The three themes of the rally are **Full Funding of our Public Colleges, No Layoffs and Safe Reopening Strategies**.

Hundreds of higher education member leaders have been involved in planning and orchestrating the growing MTA campaign to urge fully staffed, fully funded and safe campus reopenings at all of our public colleges, and have collectively decided that now is the time to take action.

MTA members have successfully lobbied the Legislature for a continued, level-funded budget through October 2020 that stabilizes Higher Ed funding. We maintain that layoffs are unnecessary.

**Wednesday 8/19** is the big day of action where members from each of the 29 community colleges, state universities, and UMass campuses will be meeting up and caravanning towards 6 regional locations.

Bristol CC is going to be the location for the southeast region. We will be meeting at **3pm in parking lot 5 at the Fall River Campus** for a "rolling picket line" followed by a short speaking program. **This event will follow the Commonwealth's social distance guidelines.**

We are hoping we have a very large turnout from Bristol community. We also are looking for anyone interested in being part of the speaking program. **Please respond to this message if you are interested in participating.**

Join us in taking action to ensure that our members and colleagues, at Bristol and beyond, stay employed through this crisis. **This event is open to non-MTA members as well.**

For more information about the MTA campaign "Now More than Ever," please see: <https://massteacher.org/current-initiatives/fund-our-future/now-more-than-ever>

**Hope to see you at 3pm on Wednesday, August 19th!**

BrCCC Executive Committee