



**Information for Members from Eboard Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

Mission Statement

Lisa Galer and Vicki Palmer continue to serve as co-presidents. To contact them email at union38presidents@gmail.com. For membership, please contact Jen Smith, our treasurer, at union38treasurer@gmail.com.

Please communicate questions and concerns directly to building reps via personal emails.

- CGS - Maggie West mgwest1438@gmail.com, Amanda Begos 05penguin05@gmail.com
- DES - Mary McFarland mcfarlandm338@gmail.com, Catherine Richotte catrichotte@gmail.com, Nanci Trott ntrott610@gmail.com, or Mary Dancer medancer5@gmail.com
- SES - Jodie Fraser jfraser1618@gmail.com; Amie Trinque amietrinque@gmail.com
- WES - Sally Rice ricelesurehome@gmail.com ; Lauren Preston-Wells msprestonwells@gmail.com

The E-Board welcomes Katie DiBiasio as our **Union Social Media Chair**. We will have a Facebook and Instagram account. Be on the lookout for an email from union38presidents@gmail.com with links to the accounts.

School Committee/Budget Updates:

Guidelines in sharing information with the public

- These are sensitive budgetary times. While we can certainly invite families to SC meetings, we always want to BE CAREFUL what we share surrounding the budget. Be general, not critical. You can invite curiosity and attention to the budget but do not provide a personal opinion.
- If you want to communicate information with a family surrounding the budget/potential budget cuts, you may use your private email, but a message should NOT go out on Parent Square! Do NOT use your school account to communicate this!

Any IA interested in attending the [ESP Conference](#) should reach out to union38presidents@gmail.com for information on reimbursement.

Check out the [MTA Free Spring PDP Programs](#) being offered.

Mark your Calendar and Save the Date! We will have a spring gathering on Thursday, May 25. Details to follow. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, contact [Mary McFarland](#), [Sally Rice](#), or [Amie Trinqu](#)

Our local educators' union supports other local educators' unions.
See this document for [MTA Solidarity Actions](#) that may be in our area.

School Committee Meetings

You can access all information related to [School Committee Meetings](#) here, then click on the school committee tab, town link and then agendas, minutes and recordings.
It's budget season - please try to attend a meeting if you can.

You can also find links to School Committee Meetings on our [website](#) calendar. Click the calendar dates to find the Google Meet links as well as agendas and meeting minutes.

All members should look on our website in the calendar for meetings, including the Google Meet links. Meetings are hybrid through March 2023. We encourage members to attend as observers to show support and be a visible presence. Please turn your cameras on if you are able so they see you.

Upcoming School Committee Meetings:

- Deerfield - Thursday, March 9 at 6:00
- Sunderland - Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00
- Whately - Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00
- Conway - Thursday, March 16 at 6:00

Union 38 Educators Website: <https://u38educators.massteacher.org/> (we suggest you bookmark this link)