

On Jun 10, 2012, at 7:53 PM, Jen Meagher wrote:

There are 60 people receiving this email. All of you:

- are members of the AHS faculty
- have a vote on Wed. June 21
- have demonstrated a willingness to support the union and your bargaining team this year in words and actions

I am no longer an officer of the AEA. That frees me up a bit to be perfectly candid.

Here's what I'm going to do and what I ask you to do:

- PICKETING next week, every day. 60 people is an impressive picket line. Admit it, you miss us.
- ABSTAIN on June 21.
- Attend School Committee meeting on June 21 (7PM, Central Office)

This is about last impressions before heading into summer. Here's what our actions would accomplish:

- Get parents worried with more demonstrations next week.
- Put a hold on NEASC.
- Make the SC uncomfortable at their last meeting, nervous that the high school is still fighting and that NEASC is on the line.

NEASC is the only leverage we have left at the bargaining table. We can assure the SC and the supt. that reports will be passed and NEASC will continue if there is a contract signed this summer that maintains a 5-class load at AHS. We need not argue with our colleagues over it. We have enough votes right here on this list to get it done. If, in the end, the SC decides that saving \$500,000 is more important than preserving accreditation, then so be it. At least we will know we've done all that we can.

If you decide not to participate in this action, please do not undermine it by complaining or criticizing it with people critical of the union. Please do not forward this email to people who will undermine this action. This is how we have shot ourselves in the foot for 2 years. Just let it be and allow it to have whatever impact it is going to have. And if you hear people complaining, remind them that the activists are the only ones standing in the way of 6 classes next year for high school teachers.

Your high school colleagues on the bargaining team will do all that we can to protect conditions at AHS, but don't send us in empty-handed, PLEASE.

Thanks!

Jen

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"Love your children. Love your community. Love your teachers."