

Dear Masco Parents,

The relationship between the Masconomet teachers and the Masconomet School Committee throughout the 1980's and 1990's was characterized by mutual respect. That relationship benefited Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield. Masconomet's reputation is such that it is known by colleges and universities across the country for graduating successful students that thrive in their schools. We, the teachers, and you, the parents, are justifiably proud of our students.

In recent years, however, the relationship between the school committee and the teachers has deteriorated. Teachers no longer feel valued by the school committee. In 2005, for the first time in decades, teachers began the school year without a new contract. Unfortunately now in 2008 the school committee has chosen to take all of us in this direction again. Once again, despite thirteen months of negotiations, we are working without a new contract.

The Masconomet teachers are negotiating for a contract that will result in a net cost of living adjustment similar to those recently received by teachers in other nearby towns. We continue to focus on the business of providing a first rate education to our students and we look forward to the settlement of our contract as soon as possible.

Please support your teachers and your schools by contacting the members of the Masconomet School Committee and urge them to settle a fair contract.

Negotiating for the school district:

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Thank you,

The Masconomet Teachers