

NBI# 25

2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Anti-Privatization NBI without budgetary implications

4.23.24

NBI Name			Date and Time
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Delegate Making the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired
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Delegate Seconding the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired

According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

The MTA will publicly oppose the privatization of the institution of public education or any component therein by:

- adding a page dedicated to resources and information regarding privatization and ways to oppose it to the MTA's webpage
- creating an Anti-privatization Task Force to support locals in identifying and organizing against privatization
- incorporating questions about privatization of public education when evaluating any candidates for endorsement
- endorsing only candidates who explicitly oppose privatization of public education
- providing sample anti-privatization language for member unions to include in future contracts
- working to support strengthened anti-privatization legislation in Massachusetts.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

This NBI provides methods of expanding and concretizing MTA opposition to the privatization of

public higher ed (below) .

The Massachusetts Teachers Association opposes the privatization of the institution of public education or any component therein. The MTA recognizes that privatization takes many forms, such as outsourcing ESP services, auxiliary services and online program management; entering into public-private partnerships for early childhood education, public childcare, early college, and capital construction; filling school/college positions for multiple years with contract employees and temporary agency employees; and heavily relying on management consultants for school/college operations.

The MTA specifically opposes private-sector contracts and partnerships if it determines that such contracts have a negative impact on public education or reduce or eliminate the number of staff providing or could be providing that educational service. The MTA opposes any efforts that undermine institutions of public education by diverting funds and/or weakening their democratic autonomy. The MTA stands strongly against the transformation of educational institutions from a public good to profitable commodities and believes anti-privatization legislation is needed. Privatization harms public education by taking decision-making outside of the public view and into the hands of the private sector; it skims profit from our public school/college budgets and from student fees; it is jeopardizing the quality of education with the implementation of low cost/high profit models; it can take the control of curricula and pedagogy away from teachers; and it eliminates union jobs. Public service unions must play a central role in protecting valuable public services by opposing privatization in all of its various forms. Action is needed now because the privatization of public education started escalating during the pandemic.

DUES IMPACT:

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 22, will be distributed to the delegates at Registration and commence to be considered at the Friday session. New Business Items WITH budgetary implications should be submitted either by the Monday prior to the Annual Meeting (April 22) or no later than prior to the conclusion of business on Friday (April 26) at the Annual Meeting so that they may be acted upon prior to adoption of the annual budget and the dues for FY2024-2025, which will occur Saturday morning. A new business item WITH budgetary implications is defined as any activity or action that would result in an additional expenditure of more than \$1,000 by the MTA. New Business Items WITH budgetary implications will be considered in the order in which they are

received but before other New Business Items WITHOUT budgetary implications. Other New Business Items

WITHOUT budgetary implications may be submitted during the meeting up to the **end of the first hour** on Saturday morning (by approximately 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29). These may be considered during the meeting in the order in which they are received.

New Business Items with a policy implication must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Monday (April 22) prior to the Meeting of Delegates and shall be considered throughout the meeting at times determined by the Presiding Officer.

Submit to MTAGovernance@massteacher.org

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