

Public Comments

From: Rick Rabin <rick.rabin@masscosh.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: a fair contract for the paras of New Bedford

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I strongly urge you to approve a fair contract for the paras of New Bedford. They work hard to provide an education for our children.

Rick Rabin

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From: Lori Silveira
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Why are these meetings still virtual if it is safe for our students and employees to be in school?

Shouldn't a certain number of residents be allowed to sit in the audience?

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From: Celia Gomes <celiagms@yahoo.com>
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To: Public Comments
Subject: Para Professionals

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the mom of a 10 year old boy who has been attending New Bedford Public Schools since the age of 3 when he started pre-school. My son is currently in the 5th grade and has a 1:1 para who helps him during his school day. My son has had numerous paras assigned to him throughout the years and I have met all of them and I know how important they are to the children, parents, teachers and other school staff. They spend their days helping the children that need it the most and they deserve a fair living wage, benefits, training and job descriptions. Paras are entrusted with our children during the school day and they deserve to have all the tools and training available. Para Professionals matter also - they have families and they deserve to make a fair living wage so that they do not have to work 2-3 jobs to make ends meet. They deserve to spend time with their spouses and children just like anyone else.

Respectively submitted,

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