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ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

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2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

NBI Name			Date and Time
Protect Public Education and Dismantle Oppression			3/10/2026 12:06
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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:

Uniting our diverse union of education workers under its existing commitments to protect public education and to dismantle oppression, the Massachusetts Teachers Association will educate members about and endorse the campaign to Drop the ADL from Schools.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

As the largest labor union in New England, MTA is integral to ensuring the high-quality schools our communities deserve. Our members demand the freedom to teach and students' right to learn. We fulfill an obligation to teach truth with professional autonomy. To that end, MTA has historically researched and reported to members its findings regarding groups that have threatened our core organizational values and professional ethics. Moms for Liberty attacks education and learning materials related to race, gender, and sexuality; so-called Democrats for Education Reform undermine public education by pushing for more charter schools, reducing students to test scores, and undervaluing our labor; and the Anti-Defamation League harasses educators and students for legitimate criticism of a nation-state's actions during a genocide. The ADL has established a strong presence in K-12 schools by providing many free, ready-to-use lessons and curricula. This effectively: -Pushes educational policy and legislation in defense of an ethnonationalist project at the expense of civil rights for the marginalized -Attacks both MTA and NEA with accusations of antisemitism by citing the problematic IHRA definition, which our members have soundly rejected in at least two previous New Business Items -Sows fear by misrepresenting protected speech and protest in support of human rights as terrorism. Without a doubt, MTA should educate its members about the #DroptheADLfromSchools campaign in order to inoculate against smears from an unreliable source. Endorsing the #DroptheADLfromschools campaign ensures that MTA can continue to defend public education. *

Supporting articles and additional information: -Educators Beware! The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is Not a Social Justice Partner -Examining the ADL's Antisemitism Audit -Wikipedia called the ADL 'unreliable.' It's a wake-up call the civil rights organization badly needs -Educators Union Rejects Anti-Defamation League, Cuts Ties | Labor Notes -Why The ADL Is Bad For Schools | USCPR -The ADL Is No Longer a Civil Rights Organization. Here's What We All Lose.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

\$0

DUES IMPACT **(For MTA use only):**

\$0

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\$0, 20 hours