

**MAY DAY 2026**  
**Teach In Email Templates**

Dear [Superintendent/School Committee Members],

On behalf of [Union/Association Name], we write to respectfully request that the district designate May 1, 2026 (May Day) as a Day of Learning and Action in Defense of Public Education.

Public schools are foundational to our communities. They nurture critical thinking, civic engagement, and opportunity for all students. At a time when public education faces growing challenges at the local, state, and national level we believe it is both appropriate and necessary to create space within the school day for students, educators, and families to reflect on the importance of public schools as cornerstones of our civic and democratic lives that deserve to be fully resourced and funded.

We propose that May 1 be observed as a day dedicated to:

- Age-appropriate learning activities about the history, purpose, and value of public education
- Classroom discussions that encourage student voice, civic awareness, and community engagement
- Opportunities for educators to connect curriculum to themes of equity, democracy, and public investment
- Optional school- or district-wide events that celebrate public education and uplift student perspectives

This day would not disrupt learning; rather, it would enrich it by connecting academic content to real-world issues that directly affect our students and communities.

We are eager to collaborate with district leadership to ensure that any activities are educationally meaningful, inclusive, and aligned with district goals. Our members stand ready to help develop resources, lesson ideas, and programming that support this initiative.

We respectfully ask the district to:

1. Formally recognize May 1, 2026 as a Day of Learning and Action in Defense of Public Education
2. Encourage schools and educators to participate through flexible, curriculum-connected activities

3. Communicate this designation to staff, students, and families

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this proposal further and work together toward its successful implementation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students, educators, and public schools.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Union/Association Name]

[Contact Information]

## **TEMPLATE 2 - DAY OF EDUCATION NOTIFICATION**

Dear [Superintendent/School Committee Members],

On behalf of [Union/Association Name], we write to inform you that our members will observe May 1, 2026 (May Day) as a Day of Civic and Labor Education.

Public education plays a central role in preparing students to understand and participate in a democratic society. As part of that mission, our educators will use this day to engage students in age-appropriate learning connected to civic engagement, the history and role of labor in our society, and the importance of public institutions, including public schools.

On May 1, educators may incorporate:

- Lessons on the history and significance of labor movements and workers' rights
- Classroom discussions on civic participation, democracy, and community engagement
- Activities that connect curriculum to themes of equity, public investment, and collective action
- Opportunities for student voice and reflection on issues affecting their communities

These activities will be designed to align with existing curriculum standards and educational goals, ensuring that instruction remains meaningful, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate.

We are committed to maintaining a productive and respectful learning environment and to supporting our members in implementing thoughtful, educationally sound programming on this day.

We welcome continued collaboration with district leadership and are available to share resources or discuss how this day can be supported across schools.

Thank you for your attention and for your ongoing commitment to public education.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Union/Association Name]

[Contact Information]