



TO: Delegates to the 2026 NEA-Representative Assembly (NEA-RA)
DATE: May 15, 2026
FROM: MTA Division of Governance
SUBJECT: **NEA-RA Delegate Funding and Expense Information**

Simplified NEA-RA Delegate Funding Process for 2026!

- Local Delegate Funding from MTA:
\$960 (*Distributed after the RA*) <<**Delegates elected through their Local**
- Statewide, Regional, Retired Delegate Funding from MTA:
\$2400 <<**Delegates elected through MTA**
(\$1330 *distributed before the RA*; \$1070 *distributed after**)

Delegates are NOT required to submit an expense voucher and receipts to MTA for the funds received.

In March 2026, the Board of Directors voted to increase delegate funding to the above amounts, and that the funds provided will be reported as taxable income. (The increase is to help cover any tax implications).

IRS Form 1099 will be issued to each delegate reflecting the amount provided by MTA as taxable income.

* Delegates for whom the \$1330 advance is insufficient may request the additional \$1070 prior to the RA. Please email MTAGovernance@massteacher.org. Note that accountability requirements and all other stipulations below still apply.

Different funding policies apply to delegates who have NEA responsibilities and receive separate funding from NEA (e.g. NEA Resolutions members and NEA Directors).

Accountability – All Delegates:

The accountability system for the NEA-RA requires that delegates attend at least 75% (six sessions) of the eight sessions of the NEA-RA. Those six sessions must include at least one session from EACH of the four days of the NEA-RA in order to receive the MTA funding.

Delegates must obtain the required accountability tickets during the RA and follow instructions to be counted correctly. **There will be no exceptions to the accountability policy** except for a preauthorized exemption by the MTA chair for a specific RA business commitment (e.g. Resolutions Committee). Note: The accountability system currently does not apply to the MTA caucuses.

Accountability tickets will be passed out during each RA session at the chair's discretion. Delegates will have 30 minutes to fill out and return their tickets. After the 30-minute window closes, **no tickets** will be accepted for that session. There are morning and afternoon RA sessions on Saturday, July 4; Sunday, July 5; Monday, July 6; and Tuesday, July 7.

Statement of Intent and W-9 Form Required

In order to receive any funding, the delegate must submit the Delegate Statement of Intent Form and IRS Form W-9 to MTA. Links to both are provided in the email sent to delegates and on the MTA's RA webpage, www.massteacher.org/ra (or request the links from MTAGovernance@massteacher.org).

After MTA receives the required forms (Statement of Intent and W-9):

- *Prior to the RA, for Statewide, Regional and Retired delegates, MTA will automatically disperse \$1330 per delegate, either by direct deposit (if a direct deposit form has been submitted) or via check.*
- *After the RA, for those delegates who have met the accountability requirements specified above, MTA will automatically disperse an additional \$1070 to each Statewide, Regional, and Retired delegate; and will disperse the full \$960 to each Local delegate.*

Delegates will not receive the funding from MTA if they have not submitted the required forms (Statement of Intent and W-9); and post-RA payments will not be made if the delegate did not meet the accountability requirements.

There is no additional funding from MTA beyond the above amounts.

Unlike in prior years, delegates will not be required to account for how the funds were spent (vouchers and receipts are not required).

The delegate funding is taxable income and will be reported to the IRS as such. Delegates will receive a 1099 from MTA. Please plan accordingly.

Direct Deposit/EFT

All delegates are encouraged to set up "Direct Deposit" EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) with MTA. This greatly expedites the payment process. A link to the secure form for this is provided in the email sent to all delegates and available at www.massteacher.org/ra

If you have any questions about delegate funding, please contact John Connelly at jconnelly@massteacher.org or at 617-878-8305.