

MTA
MASSACHUSETTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

A DIVERSE UNION *of* EDUCATION WORKERS

FUND REAL LEARNING

MTA members tackle challenges every day to make sure their students have opportunities to succeed. When union members act in solidarity, no issue is impossible to overcome.

Our day-to-day obstacles spring from a common source: a lack of funding. Without funds, schools can't hire and retain the staff they need or run the programs students want and need.

Now adding to the harm caused by underfunding is the push by ed-tech corporations to have schools use and rely on more artificial intelligence tools. Shockingly, state and local education officials have expressed an easy willingness to implement more student-facing tech, even as educators are organizing to reduce students' screen time.

Before Massachusetts settles into a status quo that diminishes our professionalism and robs students of real learning, we must challenge a right-wing agenda to privatize public education and convince people that:



Massachusetts can afford to fully fund public education, preK-16.



AI tools can never take the place of dedicated public education workers.

The Fair Share Amendment is generating billions of dollars in revenue to be used specifically for public education. Closing corporate tax loopholes and properly taxing wealth also will bring in the state funding necessary to retain and hire staff, pay thriving wages to all educators and improve the pay or faculty and staff at public colleges and universities.

Learning is a human endeavor. As trusted voices in our communities, MTA members need to urge parents, caregivers and community activists to join educators in demanding to know how and where AI tools are being used in classrooms and campuses and then take an active role in creating AI policies that protect students, education workers and learning.

For campaign resources, visit: massteacher.org/our-issues