



MTI 2019-20 Bargaining Update

September 13, 2019

BOE Meets September 16 on Cost-of-Living Increase

We continue our mobilizing to secure a cost-of-living base-wage increase for all employees. Over two hundred (200) MTI members and supporters attended our demonstration outside the Doyle Administration Building on August 26. Many more have contacted BOE members on our behalf. These mobilizing efforts have succeeded in prompting the Board of Education to schedule a meeting for **Monday, September 16** (closed session) to review the status of base-wage negotiations and determine whether to provide additional authorization to their bargaining team.

These are positive developments, but no guarantee that the BOE will modify its position. Therefore, between now and September 16 we will continue to encourage members and community supporters to contact BOE members in support of a 2.44% cost-of-living pay increase. An on-line petition has already generated **over 3,000 signatures** in support of our campaign. President Waity and members of the MTI Bargaining Committee will present the signed petitions to the Board of Education on Monday, September 16, at the BOE Operations Work Group meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Bargaining Scheduled for September 24

The next (and most likely final) bargaining session has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24**, in hopes that the BOE will provide authorization to settle the base-wage bargain with a 2.44% cost-of-living increase. If a tentative agreement is reached, we have scheduled a tentative ratification vote and meeting on **Thursday, September 26**, at MTI Headquarters.

MTI Tentative Ratification Meeting Scheduled for September 26

If we are able to reach a tentative agreement during bargaining on September 24, we have tentatively scheduled a ratification meeting on **Thursday, September 26**, at MTI Headquarters, commencing at 4:45 pm. **All members of MTI, ESEA-MTI, and USO-MTI will be advised of the outcome of the 9/24 bargaining session and are tentatively invited and encouraged to attend the September 26 meeting.**

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FOR ALL EMPLOYEES!