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Dear Newton Public Schools Community,

As tensions around the Newton teachers' contract negotiations increase, we want to publicly recognize and appreciate the critical role our teachers play in educating our students and ask for two things.

1. We call for an immediate return to in-person negotiations with all the relevant parties. We owe it to our teachers and our students to give our new School Committee leadership a chance on contract negotiations.
2. We ask the NTA to vote against going on strike - striking hurts those who we all aim to serve most: our students. Our students have suffered greatly through and since the pandemic. A strike will leave our students feeling once again shut out of the schools and hurt their academic, social and emotional progress. We must come together to give productive dialogue a new beginning.

As City Councilors we will continue to advocate for strong support of the Newton Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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