

Easton Educators' Association

EEA Brief

In our continued effort to provide consistent, timely communication regarding current and ongoing issues impacting our membership we are providing the following summary. This memo reflects current issues and outcomes being addressed on behalf of EEA Membership. We will release updates as necessary.

February, 2022

- **President's Hot Topics:**

- **MASK MANDATE UPDATE - [Commissioner Riley Press Release](#) - [EPS SURVEY](#)**
- **EEA Sick Leave Bank Update** - The EEA was recently notified that the bank fell below the 100 day threshold to 86 days last year. However a withdrawal was not made. Therefore a withdrawal of **2 days** from contributing members is required to replenish the account to 400 days. **The first day will be assessed to all contributing members of sick bank the week February 21, 2022*. The second day will be assessed for all contributing members of the sick bank with the 2022-23 contract.** (* For the 2021-2022 year ONLY, members who have **less than 16 days** of available sick time can opt to **postpone** the withdrawal of this 1st day until July 1, 2022. You will be notified in a separate email and asked to log your preference.)
- Check out the new [EEA Website](#) - designed to provide easier access to all things EEA! Stay current and informed with negotiations. Check it out and send us your feedback!
- **COVID-19 protocols for staff - [EPS PLAYBOOK \(slides 15- 26\)](#)** - staff can be tested in school only if **symptomatic** regardless of vaccination status but must go home. N95 masks are available in all buildings if needed.

- **EEA Tidbits:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting - February 17th 3:45
- [EEA Scholarship DRIVE](#) is live - [Direct Donation Venmo accepted!](#)
 - Student Applications for EEA scholarships will be available on EEA website in March
- **EEA Governance** - If you are interested in getting involved consider participating in [MTA Workshops](#)

- **MTA Updates, Resources and Opportunities:**

- [Update on Early Retirement Bill](#)
- Make a point to login to your MTA account for updates and opportunities. Membership cards were mailed in August. [MTA Benefits](#)
- MTA members remain committed to creating safe in-person learning environments in all of our public schools. Doing so as cases of COVID-19 surge amid the presence of the highly transmissible omicron variant requires a comprehensive strategy. [Take Action NOW](#) to support Safe In-Person Learning for all MA Schools
- [FAIR SHARE Initiative](#) - Enactment of this act could have great impact on funding for Easton!



- **EEA - Contract Action Team (CAT)** is forming to enlist support and facilitate communication throughout negotiations. [EEA CAT INFO](#) ; [CAT Sign-up](#)
- **Sick Leave Bank Committee** - Immediate and Future vacancy. Contact EEA if interested by Feb. 10th.
- [EPS JOB POSTINGS](#) - active positions on SchoolSpring

EEA TOOL BOX

[Easton Educators' Association Website](#)

[EEA 2021-2022 Re-Opening MOA](#)

[COVID-19 Sick Leave](#)

[EASTON Positive COVID 19 Update - TOWN](#)

[SC Meetings](#) - Thurs. Feb. 17 - 5p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#) or [ECAT LIVE](#)