

***** Membership updates and clarification based on the official statements made at the end of last night's special school committee meeting*****

The Convocation will be televised and broadcast to all schools in the district on Tuesday September 5th, in lieu of the traditional in-person Convocation. The district intended on having it recorded by today, but at this point, I am not sure if that is happening or if it will be live-streamed the morning of.

The decision to have it televised has nothing to do with last night. In fact, the BHS Auditorium is currently under construction and unavailable to hold Convocation there. Principals are aware and should have notified you of this, please check your bps email for more information on it.

The BEA will schedule an All-Membership meeting as soon as we can secure a location large enough to accommodate us. We are working with the MTA on the logistics for that meeting as we speak and will update you as soon as possible.

Please be advised, due to the impending allegations at this time, the Coalition and the local Associations themselves (BEA, BESPAs, and IBAA-TEA) cannot take a position until all the factual information has been provided. To be clear, the Coalition (BEA, BESPAs, IBAA-TEA) learned about the FY23 \$14 million overspending deficit from the 2022-2023 school year at approximately 10:08pm when it was broadcast live. The MTA has confirmation from an FBI spokesperson that as of the receipt of this email, there has been NO FBI involvement or raids of any school buildings or the Central Admin Building.

Please be mindful of the baseless rumors and fake news that are circulating online and remember when there is a lack of factual information, it is very easy to believe what is put out by sources other than the City or District.

The Emergency School Committee meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and is **open to the public** and it looks like it will be live-streamed. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Most importantly, please be mindful of the media outlets there that will try to seek members out and try to get any of you to say information on the record that they could then use against you individually as an employee or the entire membership of the coalition.

You have a right to say "no comment" and we strongly advise and recommend you do so in order to avoid any negative consequences from BPS in the future.

Taking that into consideration any member who is a parent and/or resident of Brockton can certainly choose to comment but not as an employee or union member as directed above.

Sincerely,

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