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Dear Brookline Community,

Happy New Year.

We are writing to inform you that the Brookline School Committee has begun collective bargaining with the Brookline Educators Union (BEU) for 3-year successor contracts. The current contracts expire on August 31, 2026. The Brookline Educators Union represents Unit A members (classroom teachers, specialists, special education teachers, counselors, nurses, and others), Unit B members (curriculum and program coordinators, vice principals), and Paraprofessional Unit members. The School Committee Negotiations Subcommittee leads the negotiating process, supported by the Superintendent and other district leaders.

We have already held two productive meetings with the BEU bargaining team, on December 3 and December 16, 2025. At those meetings we agreed upon ground rules for the upcoming negotiating sessions and began to exchange proposals. Future negotiating sessions will be recorded, and recordings will be released on the day following each session.

We enter these negotiations with great appreciation and respect for PSB educators. The School Committee's goal is an excellent education for every student; it is our educators who play the central role in reaching that goal. The high esteem in which the Brookline school district is held is due in large part to their skill, talent, and commitment. As we negotiate a new contract, we must balance this regard and respect for our educators with our understanding of the Town's financial constraints and the overall needs of the school district. We seek a contract that is fair to our staff and responsible to our community.

Our next negotiating session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13. The session is not open to the public but, as noted above, it will be recorded. You can find the recordings, and other information about the collective bargaining process, on the School Committee's Collective Bargaining Webpage, which will be updated regularly.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

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Negotiations Subcommittee