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Canton School Leadership Offers Update and Plans to Hold Coffee Hours to Meet and Greet with Residents

CANTON – The Canton School Leadership Team held a very productive weekend mediation session with the Canton Teachers Association (CTA) Bargaining Units A and E. After the session, the CTA notified the community that it was ending the Work to Rule action it began shortly before the December school vacation.

Mediation Update

“We made significant progress, and we are thankful and appreciative to everyone involved for their hard work during the Saturday mediation session,” Superintendent Derek Folan said. “We are thrilled that the work to rule is suspended. Our school community, especially our students, will benefit greatly. We are committed to and hopeful for a positive resolution soon.”

The Canton School Leadership Team’s goal is to reach consensus on a contract that will center on educational excellence, reward Canton’s educators for their dedication and hard work, and be fiscally sustainable for the community.

“Saturday’s mediation session was professional, cordial and productive,” said School Committee Chair Kristian Darigan Merenda. “We have dedicated, caring professionals on both sides of the bargaining table, and I remain confident that we will reach a fair agreement soon.”

In Person and Virtual Coffee Hours

Members of the Canton School Leadership Team will host a series of meet and greet events with the community. Although not required, registration and additional participation information is available at the Canton School Leadership Negotiations Resource Website:

<https://www.cantonma.org/school-committee/2022-2023-contracting-information>

WHEN: **Monday, Jan. 23, 2023 from 7:00 am - 10:00 am (in person)**
 Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 from 7:00 am - 10:00 am (virtual, via phone)
 Depending on interest, additional dates may be added

WHERE: **Copper City Espresso (in the Conductor’s Lounge)**
 Sherman Street & Beaumont Street
 Canton Junction MBTA Station
 Canton, MA 02021

WHO: **School Committee Chair Kristian Darigan Merenda**

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as well as other members of the School Leadership Team will be available to help answer questions and receive feedback from the community about the negotiation process.

[The Canton School Leadership Negotiations Resource Website](https://www.cantonma.org/) has been updated with additional information and includes answers to Frequently Asked Questions, a timeline detailing negotiations progress over the last year leading to mediation, and updates from the most recent School Committee Meeting on Jan. 5, 2023. The website can be accessed at the address above or via link on the Canton Public Schools homepage, <https://www.cantonma.org/>.

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