

03/03/2026 [AllUnit]: Another organizing win! The BRIGHT Act passes!

Late last week some of our members received a mass mailing from the [Freedom Foundation](#) subsidiary Opt Out Today, a billionaire-funded anti-union, anti-tax, anti-public-service organization. Please ignore the right-wing propaganda. Our union is not funded by billionaires – it is funded by us, its members. We all have a voice in advocating for a strong and well-funded public sector that delivers the education excellence that our fellow citizens deserve, and in how we achieve the wages and working conditions that let us deliver educational excellence in dignity.

Our union's power shone brightly last week! On Thursday, our collective action defeated a plan to shift health care costs onto state and municipal workers covered by the GIC. And, Thursday afternoon, state senators passed the [BRIGHT Act](#), which allocates \$3.2 BILLION in funding over the next decade to address deferred maintenance, decarbonize and modernize facilities, construct major capital projects, and much more. This victory is funded by our [Fair Share Amendment](#), again testifying to the incredible power of our organizing. As public higher education workers and unionists, we're paving the path for our students to achieve an accessible, debt-free education on safe, welcoming campuses.

There is more – so much more! – work for us to do together, but we know concretely that when we leverage our collective power, we are unstoppable.

In solidarity,
Jacquie Kurland and Marc Liberatore

Below, please find MTA president Max Page's statement on Senate BRIGHT Act vote:

"In passing the BRIGHT Act, state senators followed the governor and their House colleagues in paving the way for final passage of one of the state's largest investments to provide outstanding facilities for all of our public higher education campuses, without forcing costs onto our students through tuition and fees. The Massachusetts Teachers Association commends Gov. Maura Healey and legislators in both chambers for appropriately using revenue generated by the Fair Share Amendment to strengthen the education our members provide at the 29 public colleges and universities. When the bill is signed by the governor, it will go a long way in ensuring that public college and university facilities are modern and equipped to prepare students for the careers and civic engagement shaping our world today. The BRIGHT Act, when combined with Fair Share investments in making public college closer to debt-free for working-class students, is a commitment to the common good that Massachusetts can be proud of."